Tories take three-point poll lead as Smith sets out alternative budget

Labour to end tax for 740,000

By Robin Oakley, political editor

LABOUR yesterday set Dut to defuse Conservative attacks on its tax policies with a shadow budget package which would take 740,000 people out of tax altogether.

The party plans to raise personal allowances by 10 per cent, more than twice the As expected, John Smith,

the shadow chancellor, con-firmed that Labour would scrap the 20p minimum tax band introduced by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, last week. It would introduce a new 50p top rate of income tax startng with taxable income of £36,725 a year, and would remove the £21,060 ceiling on employees' national insurance contributions.

Under harrying from the Conservatives, Labour has dropped its plans for a 9 per cent national insurance levy on savings income of more than £3,000 a year, after accusations that it would be hitting early retirers living on redundancy payments. Mr Smith also abandoned previously announced plans to eliminate the deductibility of pensions contributions

against a higher rate tax. While Labour emphasised that the plans would benefit everyone earning less than £22,000 a year — eight out of ten taxpayers — ministers argued that Labour's plans would see interest rates rising and house prices devastated.

Man denies TV murder

A council planning officer was shot dead and a policeman and reporter wounded when a dispute over a bungalow built without planning permission ended in tragedy, Newcastle

Albert Dryden, a former steelworker, denies five charges including murder and attempted murder. The court was shown a film of the incident taken by a BBC news crew Page 3

Cell death

A remand prisoner found hanged in a cell at a young offenders' centre had been released six days earlier after serving a year for _ Page 2

Abuse claims Hundreds of children in care have been sexually abused, according to the Page 4 NSPCC....

Walesa anger Lech Walesa, the Polish president, has accused the West of misreading East European economic needs and prescribing unrealistic programmes Page 12

Hateley back Mark Hateley's football career was resurrected when at 31, he was recalled to the England squad against Czechoslova-kia in Prague...... Page 30

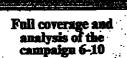
Banks banned

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Gordon Banks, the former England goalkeeper, was banned from receiving FA Cup final tickets for seven years. An FA investigation into the resale of tickets named 28 offenders, and fined Tottenham Hotspur

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Leading articles Letters. Matthew Parris 18 Markets quiet ...

A Harris survey published in today's Daily Express put party support at Conser-vatives 41 per cent, Labour 38, Liberal Democrats 17 and others 5 per cent. The Conservative lead of three points is the biggest the party has enjoyed in any poll since mid-January. The new poll was taken on Sunday and vesterday.

Independent studies suggest ed that those earning about £26,000 a year would lose about £5 a week under Labour's plans while the £50,000 a year earner would be £65 a week worse off. The Liberal Democrats dismissed Labour's plans as "timid" while first City reactions were suspicious because of the lack of back-up statistics

Two surprises in Mr Smith's package were the announcement that Labour would end the 2 per cent national insurance payments for people earning £54 a week, thus giving every em-ployee a £56 bonus, and an extension of tax relief to all forms of child care provided

by employers.

Taking the Tory government's borrowing levels but redistributing taxation and spending priorities, Mr Smith announced a £1.1 billion package to promote economic recovery, a minimum increase of £1 billion in spending on the health service and £600 million on edu-cation. Labour officials said the budget package would leave a further £2.7 billion available for additional public spending programmes in 1993-4.

Mr Smith confirmed Labour's long standing promises of an increase in pensions of E5 a week for single pension. ers and £8 a week for couples and an increase in child benefit to £9.95 a week for all

Mr Smith said the budget changes meant that every employee earning up to £22,000 a year would benefit. "The combined effect of our national insurance reforms and the increase in personal allowance will mean that a single person on average earnings will receive an increase in disposable income of over £100 per year. Taking into account our proposed

PRESIDENT Yeltsin moved

yesterday to set up a separate Russian army and named

himself acting head of a new-ly formed Russian Federation

Supporters of his govern-ment, which is bracing itself

for mass anti-Yeltsin protests

in Moscow today, said his action was timed partly to

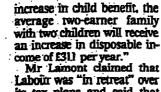
warn opponents that his ad-

ministration had the means

to defend itself.
The new defence ministry is

to form a Russian army that

defence ministry.



Labour was "in retreat" over its tax plans and said that taxation of those on whom the country depended to get it out of recession would soar.
For those 3.5 million people earning over £22,000 a year there is a knock-out punch. They will pay an extra 9 per cent on every penny they earn over that amount."

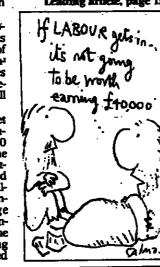
Labour had been planning to introduce a 9 per cent employees' national insurance contribution on savings income over £3,000 a year so that earned and unearned income were treated on a similar basis. The Tories had pointed out that this would affect many people earning less than £20,000 a year.

Yesterday Mr Smith said: "Having regard to the large number of people who, as a result of the substantial increase in redundancies, are dependent on unearned income from redundancy settlements and to the administrative complexity of exempting them, we have decided to withdraw this proposal." He confirmed later that that was a promise which held good for an entire parlia-

Labour was risking keeping taxation at the top of the political agenda with Mr Smith's package, but believed the risk was worth it, expecting that the shadow chancellor's personal credibility would help them to dismiss Tory charges that Labour spending plans would mean an increase of £1,000 a year for the averge taxpayer. Mr Smith said: "I do believe these policies will effectively Conservative intations."

Mr Smith did not produce projections of vital economic indicators, such as inflation, and growth as well as the used on page 18, col 6

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wealth of Independent States.

After Ukraine, Azerbaijan

and Moldavia, the Russian

Federation becomes the

fourth former Soviet republic

Russian leaders had insist-

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pressure proved too great from the federation's parlia-

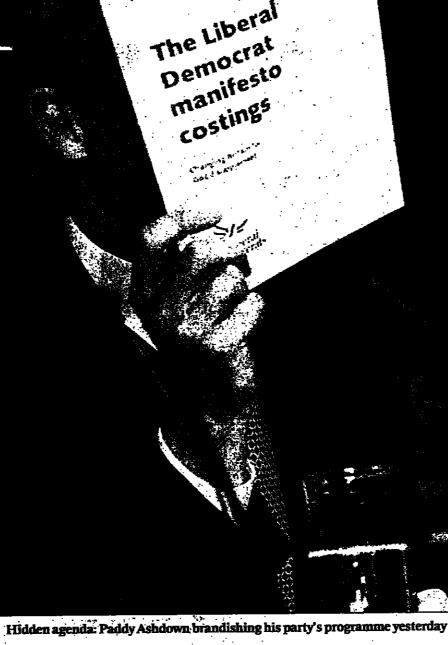
ment and rank-and-file ser-

vicemen worried about the

speed with which Ukraine

was forming its own armed

to set up its own army.



Ashdown promises vision and realism in manifesto

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

PADDY Ashdown pinned his hopes yesterday on wooing voters with a "visionary but realistic" manifesto putting constitutional change at the heart of a long-term pro-gramme for stable govern-

The 15,000-word manifesto Changing Britain for Good sets out the Liberal Democrats' terms for dealing with a minority government after the general election. It places the introduction of a

turn from a two-week holiday

stipulates that the defence

minister should be a civilian

and defines the ministry's re-

sponsibilities as drafting the

military budget and ensuring financial, technical and ma-

terial support for the Russian

armed forces. The separation

of the political direction of the

armed forces from operational command is assumed.

The army was the only in-stitution of the Soviet state

not to be divided among the

republics when President

voting system and home rule for Scotland at the top of the agenda for any future negotiations, together with a package of environment. economic and education poli-

As promised by Mr Ashdown, the document commits the party to higher borrowing and higher taxation to "kickstart" Britain out of the recession and clean up the environment. Public borrowing would be increased to £30 billion, the basic rate of in-

Kremlin last December 25,

Mr Gorbachev's post of com-mander-in-chief was trans-

ferred to Marshal Yevgeni

Shaposhnikov, the then Sov-

iet delence minister, who was

appointed commander of the

Sergei Shakhray, a deputy

prime minister, said yester-

day that Mr Yeltsin's decree

did not mean that Russia had

armed forces "but, in prac-

tice, they already exist".

armed forces.

come tax raised by 1p to 26p in the pound, the Conservatives new, lower 20p tax band would be reversed and petrol prices would rise by 10p a gallon, in order to fund a long-term public investment programme and tackle

At the London launch of the manifesto, Mr Ashdown said the Liberal Democrats offered a unique combination in a general election which could mark a watershed for Britain. Only his party, he insisted, would tell the truth to the British voters, while the Tories will try to bribe and Labour will try to fool the electorate.

"Labour don't understand private enterprise and the Conservatives don't understand public investment. Only the Liberal Democrats go into this election with a clear plan to end this recession, to kickstart Britain out of slump and to boost employment."

combined commonwealth He made clear yesterday that the Liberal Democrats' ambitious programme of reform across a great swathe of the nation's life hinges on a already formed its own revolution in the way Britain is governed.

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Gorbachev resigned. As the The decree signed by Mr will take its place among the red flag was lowered over the Civil war warning, page 12 joint forces of the Common-Yeltsin yesterday after his re-Tennis world split on future of the 'let'

BY ANDREW LONGMORE TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

IMAGINE the scene. Match point for Michael Stich in the final of the 1993 Wimbledon championships. Stich serves. The ball clips the top of the net and drops gently into court, leaving Boris Becker stranded on the baseline. No "let" call. Ace, game, set and match to Stich. If a recommendation that the "let" rule be abolished is adopted later this summer, that will be the case from

the beginning of next year. The proposal, made by the rules committee of the International Tennis Federation at its meeting last week. received a mixed reaction from the players at the Lipton International in Key Biscayne, Florida, yesterday. On the one hand, there was the incredulous stare of Stefan Edberg, on the other, the gentle mirth of Steffi Graf. Edberg, hardly the the players might refuse to play to the new rule, should the ITF annual meet rule as illogical because it does not

Yeltsin appoints himself to head army

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

ing approve it in the autumn.

Edberg, twice Wimbledon champion. said:"It's crazy. If a ball hits the net and drops over, it's an ace? It would be a matter of luck. It's totally unnecessary. How can they make decisions like that

without consulting the players?"
Graf, the Wimbledon champion, asked: "Who decided that? It sounds very silly. Who thinks about these things? The "let" doesn't disturb anybody. There are far more important issues in the game than that."

The hostile response should come as no surprise to the ITF. In surveys by the Association of Tennis Players, who run the tour but not the four grand slams, the players have consistently rejected a change in the rule - formulated in 1880 by the All England Club — even though they regard the "let" as the call most most militant of men, even implied that often missed. However, there are those,

apply to any other shot. They see it as an unnecessary interruption to the flow of the match. "I would be for the change because the "let" call is the most controversial and because it would speed up the game," Lendl said. "But they would have to standardise the nets. At Wimbledon the ball just falls over the net so it is an advantage to the server. At the US Open, the ball stands up and asks to

The ITFemphasised yesterday that the proposal would have to be accepted by the committee of management and then passed by a two-thirds majority at the annual meeting in September be-fore becoming a rule of the game. Nobody has yet been able to bring themselves to consult the manufacturer

obsolete by the end of the year.

who has spent years developing an electronic net cord device, which could be

Graf: the "let" rule is not an issue among players

Germany insists on having EC bank

TIMES

London has the financial expertise but politically Frankfurt needs the central bank, Ian Murray reports

Germany has stepped up pressure on the European Community to choose Frankfurt, not London, as seat of the future European central bank, with the implied threat that it will back out of plans for a single Euro-pean currency if this is not done. Bonn sees the choice of Frankfurt as its price for surrendering the mark.

Theo Waigel, the finance minister, told a weekend con-ference of his Christian Social Union that the choice of Frankfurt was an "indispensable condition for German acceptance of currency union". Only if the bank was in Germany, he said, would there be the wide support and acceptance of the concept needed to make it work.

A decision is due to be taken this year. London, with its financial expertise, has high hopes of being chosen. German commentators emphasise ruefully that, despite Frankfurt's position in the heart of Europe, the Bank of England showed great skill in securing the biggest part of the ecu market in a short time, though sterling was not then inside the European exchange-rate mechanism.

Bonn and German bankers are doing their utmost to swing the choice to Frankfurt, arguing that the decision must take political considerations into account

Helmut Schlesinger, Bundesbank president, complained last month that Germany, with 80 million people, was the biggest EC country and yet still had no no large EC institution in it. The mark was the world's most important reserve currency after the dollar, he said, and "Germany offers, so to speak, a good 'mother earth' for an anti-inflation money policy in Europe".

Hilmar Kopper, head of Deutsche Bank, largest in the country, went even further in an interview with Die Zeit. The choice of Frankfurt, he said, was "a condition sine qua non" for economic union, because of the anchor function of the mark and its

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STAGING A **COMEBACK**



From golden girl to outcast, Kate Nelligan's career is once more back on track with an

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UNHAPPY **FAMILIES**



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Cell hanging prompts fear of copycat suicides

A REMAND prisoner found hanged in his cell at a young offenders' centre had been released from the institution six days earlier after serving a year's sentence for assault.

John Kirkland, aged 20, had returned to the centre after being remanded in custody by Bow Street magistrates' court, accused of assault. He was found dead in his cell at Feltham young offenders' and remand centre a day after arriving there on

Saturday.

Mr Kirkland, who had hanged himself with bedclothes, is the fourth inmate at the centre to have died by hanging in seven months. Staff at the centre fear that his death could trigger copycat death attempts. Joe Whitty, the governor, said

A LACK of funds is causing a

big drop-out of aspiring law-yers from the one-year course

that they must take to become

solicitors, according to a survey by The College of Law, the

largest training institution for solicitors in England and

The findings show that despite the view that the legal

profession is now open to all, irrespective of background or

wealth, finance can still be an

Those hardest hit are students who fail to secure arti-

cles with a big law firm that will then fund them through

training, estimated to cost at

least £6,000 to £7,000 year in-

cluding fees and subsistence. The survey, which the coll-

ege has sent to the Lord Chancellor's department and

to the Law Society's trainee

solicitor group, found that more than half the students

who failed to take up places

insurmountable barrier.

that Mr Kirkland had been seen by a prison officer 40 minutes before he was found hanging at suppertime on Sunday.

The staff were delivering

the supper when they found him hanging," Mr Whitty said. "He was hanging by his beddlothes from an upturned bed." Mr Whitty said that Mr Kirkland would have been confined to his cell for most of Sunday and that, although the centre would like inmates to be out of the cells more often, this would require ex-

Mr Kirkland came from Port St Mary, Isle of Man, where his mother, Renee Kirkland, said yesterday that she had not seen her son for two years, nor hardly heard from him. Mr Whitty said

on finals courses at the col-

lege's branches in London, Guildford, Chester and York,

did so for financial reasons. Some 250 (of a total 4,000)

students failed to take up places, and, of respondents to the survey, 58 per cent of these said that it was for fin-

ancial reasons. They said that they could not afford the an-nual fee, now £3,025 in Lon-don and £2,800 outside, and

could not obtain grants.

students from ethnic minor-

ities, women returners, and

mature students, despite de-

grees that were upper seconds

Local authority grants are

not given automatically for

the one-year course, and have

become increasingly difficult

to obtain. The survey findings

will increase pressure for grants to be made mandatory for the finals course.

Particularly hard hit were

sponsorship or article

Cash hurdle halts

would-be lawyers

By Frances Gibb. Legal correspondent

despair at a young offenders' centre that has seen four deaths in seven months and a series of attempted suicides very difficult young man who

Richard Ford and Stewart Tendler report

on the urgent need to tackle the causes of

had settled down in prison the first time, had been released, but could not cope with life outside. Joan Phelan, chairman of the board of visitors for the centre, said that she under-

been severely depressed to be back in the centre so soon after his release. Last week, the board said that after two hangings and many suicide attempts in 1991, a new initiative was

stood that Mr Kirkland had

needed to identify those at risk of taking their lives. It said that the complement of 382 prison officers for about 740 inmates did not take account of the additional work involved in looking after juveniles and young

The board's annual report also criticised the poor condition and construction of the building that meant that maintenance costs were high for an establishment built only six years ago. Mr Kirkland's death came only hours

southern England and south Wales, making parental visits sures designed to remove op-portunities for suicide difficult. In some cases, offenders are from broken attempts. Yesterday, staff homes and have little hope of bolted down beds. Each receiving support.

Mr Whitty has acknowledged that much more could week, a suicide prevention management group and a case conference discuss par-

be done and urged an increase in staff. He argues Last week, an inquest jury that prison is no place for criticised standards at the some of his offenders, who are centre when returning a verdict of suicide on Lee Walte. little more than children; un-After hearing how he had been bullied and sexually less they are better treated. and believes that the system often breeds prison fodder. Recently, Mr Whitty re-ported that 59 inmates aged abused by a "welcoming committee" at the centre, the jury said that few of the staff had a

"working knowledge" of cur-rent best practice for suicide up to 21 had injured themselves deliberately in two months. After the suicide of a 17-year-old last autumn, Mr The chances that Feltham Whitty emphasised in his reinmates will get support from their families is lessened by port to the Home Office the bullying and outright thugthe fact that the centre serves

tempted suicides".

Bullies take cigarettes, food, valuables and other items from weaker prisoners in a system known as "taxing" and use intimidation to get their way. Mr Whitty said: It worries and shocks me. Other governors have the same concern." Within institutions such as

Feltham, there is a trade in commodities, aggravated by the fact that younger prisoners are officially denied cigarettes, but nonetheless get them and smoke secretly in their cells. The price for a packet of cigarettes is exorbitantly paid in food, toiletries and soft drinks. Inmates develop a gang mentality and sometimes pick on the

Five men accused of child # sex abuse

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Five men charged with inde-cency and assault on minors at Bryn Estyn children's home in Wrexham, Clwyd, were granted bail in four separate appearances at the town's magistrates court yes-terday. The alleged offences date from the early 1980s. The cases were adjourned until April 27.

Peter Howarth, aged 61. of Wrexham, retired former deputy head of the home, was charged with three serious sexual offences. Paul Wilson. aged 41, of Chirk, Clwyd. medically retired former care officer at the home, faced two charges of assault causing actual bodily harm and one of indecent assault.

The other three defendants appeared in court separately. Stephen Norris, aged 55, of Mold, Clwyd, a former senior social worker, is accused of serious sexual offences with four boys under the age of 16

over a seven-year period.

David Birch, aged 34, of Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwyn-edd, a former care officer who is now deputy officer in charge of a children's establishment in Setton, Mersey-side, was charged with two assaults causing actual bodily harm and one serious sexual offence.
David Wright, aged 45, a materials technician of Nor-

wich, Norfolk, was charged with indecently assaulting a

boy.

Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Police tackle car park fear

A national police campaign to improve security in public car parks was announced yesterday by the Association of Chief Police Officers.

Features such as lighting. staffing and surveillance will be highlighted and good car parks will be awarded plaques. Half a million re-corded car crimes — 20 per cent of the total — take place in car parks each year. Charles Pollard, chief constable of Thames Valley, said that car parks also created an exaggerated sense of fear even though the risk of attack

Costly coin

A gold savereign worth £1: when minted in 1920 sold for a world record of £114,000 at Spink in London yesterday because it was one of a small group minted in Sydney, Australia. It was bought by a ding against an Australian. At the same sale a 1922 Sydney coin fetched £11,000, and one minted there a year later went for £5,800.

Car kills boy

Patrick Burgess, aged seven, was killed by an out-of-control car yesterday while walk-ing with his father and sister in Battle, East Sussex. Schools in the town had been

Bodies found

The bodies of a father and son were recovered from the sea off Skye yesterday after their fishing boat, the Mallaig-registered Spray, had been reported taking in water.

tempt, say MPs" (March 13). we incorrectly stated that Michael Stoney was "treasurer of the Mirror Group pension fund". He is not and never has been treasurer, or a trustee. of the fund. Our apologies to Mr Stoney.

ticular cases.

End of the earth: environmental ning work yesterday on the final section of the M3 through Twyford Down in Hampshire. Campaigners

against the route were taken by surprise when contractors started at 9am to clear trees and top soil from Itchen waterineadows in preparation for the chalk cutting, which

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> is expected to begin in the autumn (Michael Dynes writes). Responding to the transport department's

Down Association, said: "Clearly the department wants to do as much damage as possible in the time before the election." Bypass opposed, L&T section, page 5

Polytechnic takes its new name from pools tycoon

By Matthew d'Ancona, education reporter

of listings

Tribunal

cuts cost

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK **MEDIA CORRESPONDENT**

A YEAR-LONG campaign by British newspapers and magazines to reduce the price they must pay for television listings came to a successful conclusion yesterday when the Copyright Tribunal set charges far below those demanded by broadcasters.

The tribunal was concerned by the number of weekly newspapers which had stopped providing pro-gramme details since the BBC and Independent Television Publishers set the new charges. Programme details had been provided free of charge until last March when the duopoly held by TV Times and Radio Times was ended to allow others to print sevenday television listings.

The new rules mean that a national daily newspaper publishing six days of listings each week with a circulation of one million would now pay a total £18,720 for the period, compared with the £50,000 which ITP alone had wanted. The BBC would have also

charged £104,000. The Newspaper Society, which represents 1,000 regional newspapers, said the annual bill for listings information will be reduced from £14.5 million a year to less

A BARON from the thirobscure name for Leicester, but Michael Brown, deputy teenth century and a football director of the polytechnic, pools tycoon gave their names to two new universisaid: "Here is a Leicester ties yesterday when the first 14 polytechnics seeking person who made a contribution to national history university titles had their and to the democratic

new names approved provisionally by the privy council. The decision to end the distinction between universities and polytechnics has led names that will not be confused with existing institu-tions. Leicester Polytechnic becomes De Montfort University, after Simon de Montfort (c.1208-1265). earl of Leicester and baronial rebei against Henry III, while Liverpool Polytechnic takes its new name from Sir John Moores, founder of the

and is known for his belief in equality of opportunity. His philosophy matched ours Littlewoods organisation. De Montfort may seem an

and we thought it would be nice to honour him in this way," a spokeswoman said. Newcastle Polytechnic will be known as the University of Northumbria at Newcastle, in spite of a local poll indicating support for more imaginative titles such as

Liverpool Polytechnic said

it considered a number of names before settling for Sir

John Moores. "He is a

major benefactor in arts and

education on Merseyside,

NEW UNIVERSITY NAMES

Present name Coventry Polytechnic Huddersfield Polytechnic Kingston Polytechnic Leicester Polytechnic

Polytechnic South West Perismouth Polytechnic South Bank Polytechnic Staffordshire Polytechnic Sunderland Polytechnic Teesside Polytechnic Wolverhampton Polytechn

New name

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Hadrian's University, after the nearby wall, and Magpie University, after the town's football team.

Michael Goldstein, director of Coventry Polytechnic. which becomes Coventry University, said the name changes would help polytechnics to market them-selves at home and overseas. Several of the 20 polytech-

nics not included in yesterday's list still face a battle to steer through their preferred titles after the new Further and Higher Education Act comes into force in May. Nottingham polytechnic is Notingnam polytectrific is likely to apply for the title Nottingham City University or City of Nottingham University, neither of which would satisfy government guidelines. Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, has said that adding "new" or "city" to a title would not be enough to avoid confusion.

enough to avoid confusion. The Committee of Direc-tors of Polytechnics said yesterday that some of the restrictions on the choice of names were unreasonable. "It is silly to suggest that it is confusing to have names which are similar but not the same. It's like saying that Manchester United and Manchester City football teams could be confused," a

Police foil Belfast bombing

By EDWARD GORMAN

SECURITY forces in Belfast yesterday foiled what appeared to have been an attempt by the IRA to detonate a large

bomb in the city centre.
Following a number of tipoffs about suspicious activity in flats at Twinbrook in the Republican west of Belfast, police discovered a 1,600lb bomb inside one of the flats.

Superintendent Bertie Carson said that the bomb, consisting of home-made explo-sive packed into three bins, was primed and could have detonated at any time, reducing the flats to rubble. No arrests were made at

the flats and officers coun-tered criticisism that they should have laid an ambush by saying that their priority was to defuse the device and evacuate up to 100 residents from the building. In Donegal police are fol-

lowing up searches around Letterkenny after weapons including a machine-gun, explosive and ammunition were found at the weekend.

training.

CORRECTION In our article, "Maxwell

MANAGING WASTE: THE DUTY OF CARE THIS CONCERNS ALL BUSINESSES From 1st April 1992 all businesses will be subject to the new duty of care

on waste under section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. in many cases this will require re-appraisal of current practices. The first step is to understand and assimilate the requirements the regulations and Code of Practice made under it.

The Environmental Law Department of Sammons & Simmons which is generally regarded as one of the foremost in the area of waste management law has produced a helpful and practical guide to the new

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Temple of Victorian grandeur reopens By JOHN YOUNG

ONE of London's grandest Victorian hotels, the Great Central, opposite Marylebone station, will reopen this autumn after more than 50

The building is in the final stages of restoration, which began three years ago, and is to be renamed the London Wilshire, by the new management company, Regent International Hotels, of Hong Kong, which also runs the Regent Beverly Wilshire in Los Angeles. The Wilshire, which has

more than 300 bedrooms, is

the third luxury class hotel to

open in London within two years, the others being the

Langham, in Portland Place,

and the Lanesborough, the former St George's Hospital at Hyde Park Corner. Architecturally it is perhaps the most splendid of the three, and the vast glassroofed atrium, extending the whole height of the building, seems likely to become one of the sights of the capital.

Until 1988 the building

was used as British Rail's headquarters, and so has been generally well main-tained. Richard Holder, of the Victorian Society, says the interior has suffered less than the Langham from al-terations, and so should more closely resemble its original appearance.
The Great Central was the

Watkins, who dreamed of a railway network linked with Europe via a Channel tunnel. But his Great Central Railway Company ran into financial difficulties. However, the hotel scheme was rescued by Sir John Blundell Maple. chairman of Maples furniture store. He commissioned the architect Robert William Edis. who espoused the grand style with marbled columns and moulded plas-ter ceilings. Building began in 1895 and the hotel was opened on June 14, 1899. It was described as "a Temple of Luxury, being of a most

unique and convenient

character.'

brainchild of Sir Edward

it was used as a convalescent home for officers but re-opened afterwards with a number of changes to accommodate the "jazz age". In the second world war the services again took over the hotel, but afterwards it seemed in danger of demolition. For-tunately wiser counsels pre-vailed, influenced perhaps by the late Sir John Betjeman. who called it "one of the best examples of late Victorian architecture left in London". English Heritage and the Victorian Society have ad-

During the first world war

vised on the restoration which is being carried out by Boyis for the building's ownof child

MARCH

Police tackle

Car kills be

Bodies four

appeal in 1989. Following yesterday's verdict Mr Mat-THE DUTY OF THE usevitch, aged 54, also faces estimated costs of £150,000. years as a reporter in the Russian language section of the BBC External Services. He claimed he was gravely injured by the allegations of ga series ga series series Mr Matusevitch, a special

SIMMON

of racism. Other human rights campaigners had shunned him. Mr Teinikoff said that he had been jailed twice in Rus-

correspondent with Radio

Libery, and that his life was

devastated by the allegations

sia for his beliefs. He claimed the letter to the newspaper suggested that he advocated the introduction of blood testing as part of the recruitment process to the BBC Russian service to maintain racial purity and that he was an anti-semite who had made statements inciting ra-

cial hatred. Mr Matusevitch had denied libel and claimed fair

Gunman fired final

shot into planner's head, court told

BY PETER DAVENPORT

ALBERT Dryden, the man millions of television viewers saw shoot a planning officer ordering the demolition of his home, fired another shot into the man's chest and moments later fired a third into his head, a jury was told

vesterday. Mr Dryden, aged 51, of Butsfield, near Consett, County Durham, denies mur-dering Harry Collinson and attempting to murder Tony Belmont, aged 39. a BBC television reporter, and PC Stephen Campbell, aged 23. He also denies two alternative charges of wounding the two. men with intent to cause

bodily harm. The jury at Newcastle upon Tyne crown court watched film of Mr Collinson, aged 46, a divorced father of two, first planning tactics with other council officials and

sea, southwest London, was

told. Dr Buttrey had main-

tained that he was not

allowed to stay on because

Martin Neary, the organist, was jealous of his "superior academic qualifications".

dismissal by Dr Buttrey, aged 61, a lay vicar, of Wands-

worth, southwest London,

against the Dean and Chap-

ter of Westminster Abbey was ruled to be outside the panel's jurisdiction. Enid Prevezer,

the tribunal chairman, said

that it could not deal with the

case since it was clear that the

at the abbey, under the 1979

econtract that Dr Buttrey had signed, was 60. The dispute

could be taken to the Queen

because the abbey is under

Newsman

awarded

£240,000

By RICHARD DUCE

A RUSSIAN émigré and a

former associate of Alexander Solzhenitsyn who saw a £65,000 libel award over-

turned by the Appeal Court

was yesterday awarded £240,000 at the end of a

second trial into the allega-

mer BBC journalist and hu-

man rights campaigner who now works for Radio Liberty,

first won damages against

another journalist, Vladimir

Matusevitch, in 1988. He

had sued Mr Matusevitch, of

Wood Green, north London,

over a letter he had published

in The Daily Telegraph in February 1984 which brand-

Mr Telnikoff, aged 55 of Highgate, north London, was awarded £65,000 but a new

trial was ordered after the

finding was overturned on

Mr Telnikoff spent three

ed him a racist.

tions made against him.

Vladimir Telnikoff, a for-

However, a claim of unfair

then confronting Mr Dryden at the gate to his smallholding, where he had built a bungalow without planning permission.
John Milford, QC, for the

prosecution, said that on crowd, includ. 1g Mr Dryden, a group of his friends and supporters, newsmen and three uniformed police offi-cers, gathered near the bungalow.

During a brief conversa tion Mr Dryden asked Mr Collinson for a six-week reprieve while his appeal was told that the demolition must

Mr Milford said that the planning officer told Mr Dry-den that the buildozer would be coming through his fence. Mr Dryden's last words to Mr Collinson, the court was

Chorister loses jealousy claim

rister at Westminster Abbey. the Church of England. who sang at two royal wed-Dr Buttrey, a a tenor in the dings and the Queen's silver jubilee, lost his claim yester-day that he was dismissed choir since 1964, who had made 30 records, claimed that Mr Neary was motivated by jealousy in refusing to because of jealousy over his grant a yearly extension to his contract, which he claimed musical qualifications. John Buttrey was refused had been verbally agreed when he signed it. Both men an extension to his contract when he reached his 60th birthday, after 27 years with attended Cambridge Univerthe choir, because his voice was no longer up to standard, an industrial tribunal at Chelsity at the same time, but Mr Neary had failed his music degree while Dr Buttrey had

gone on to take a doctorate, the hearing was told. Rear-Admiral Kenneth Snow, receiver-general of the abbey, told the tribunal that a report in 1986 by Mr Neary said that Dr Buttrey's voice did not meet the standard required. It stated: "He has to be reminded about not singing flat. He has got used, over the years, to singing at a different pitch, but he has had an Indian summer by responding positively to criti-

cism and he is now trying to sing in tune and has done some sober work." Admiral Snow said that he was told in 1990 that Dr Buttrey's con-

tract would not be renewed.

Miss Prevezer asked that Dr Buttrey be shown

Writing on

the walls

told were "You do so at your own risk It is entirely up to your You are making a sad

"What followed demon-strated that Dryden had decided to take the most his property," Mr Milford said, "It was no decision taken in the heat of the moment." A more deliberate murder, he said, "it would be

hard to imagine"... Mr Dryden, he said, who had earlier told a local report-er he would not hesitate to use a finearm to protect his prop-erty; walked to his nearby capagin and strapped on a holsic and revolver. He then made for the spot where the buildozer was about to breech his fence, "deaf to the entreaties of others".

Mr Collinson was standing beside one of Mr Dryden's friends, John Graham, who had been remonstrating with him. Mr Milford said: "Dryden emerged over the rampart of earth that screened his bungalow. He drew the gun and pointed it at Mr Collinson. Mr Collinson seems not to have taken the threat seriously. He said to the cameraman filming beside him, 'Can you get a shot

"Dryden said nothing. He looked to his left and then back to Mr Collinson, raised the gun, took deliberate aim and pulled the trigger. Mr Collinson fell mortally wounded into the ditch behind him. He then cocked the gun again and walked to the fence and fired another shot."

That hit the BBC reporter in the arm but had been intended for Mr Dunston. the solicitor. Mr Dryden, said Mr Milford, then went back to where Mr Collinson was lying and fired a second shot into his chest. He then fired three shots at the group of people running away along the lane. One hit PC Campbell in the buttocks.

Mr Dryden returned to the demolition vehicles, fired four shots through their wind-screens and another into a Ford Fiesta car, "He had one bullet left," Mr Milford said. "He went back and shot Har-Collinson through the

Mr Dryden was overpowered by a police sergeant. The trial continues today.



Fatal moment: Albert Dryden fires the shot later seen by millions of television viewers

Father jailed for fire deaths of family

house and then left his children to burn to death was jailed for 12 years yesterday after admitting arson and the manslaughter of his two

It would be hard to imagine a more deliberate murder, prosecution tells jurors

Before starting the fire, Christopher Snarski, aged 29, had let out the family dog. He denied murdering Sarah. aged two, and Emily, aged 16 months, and attempting to murder his wife, Alexandra, aged 26. The charges were ordered to be left on the file.

Judge John Murchie said that "an intention to murder cannot be proved but he intentionally poured a gallon of petrol and lit it, knowing his wife and children were

upstairs". Snarski, of Bracknell, Berkshire, set fire to the family home in January 1991 with the intention of making an insurance claim to pay off debts. If his wife had died a life insurance policy would have paid off the couple's £93,000 mortgage.

Mrs Snarski was woken by smoke but it was so thick that children. She eventually jumped into the garden.

The court was told that Snarski, a telephone engi-neer, was probably unaware of the consequences of his actions. Nicholas Jarman, QC, for the prosecution, said although Snarski gave the impression that he was more concerned about the dog than his family, it was normal for him to let the dog out in the morning

Snarski had been taking body building drugs at the time which could have affected his judgment. Nevertheless he had ignored his wife's dow and saw the defendant at the front of the house. She opened the window and elled at him."

Snarski drove to work at Chessington, Surrey, stop-ping to change his scorched clothes in a public lavatory. He then went to a hospital in west London, where he claimed he had been injured by an exploding blow-lamp, before going shopping for new shoes and socks.

After his arrest Snarski broke down and told police: Things were just such a mess. We never had any money, we were always in debt. I ance. I didn't realise it would go up so quickly, I just man-

aged to get out the door." Roy Amlot, QC, for Snarski, said he started taking drugs after being off work for several months in 1990 with a shoulder injury and the family debts had risen to £10,000. "To compensate for that he placed his body under incredible strains by constantly attending a gym and abused himself by taking anabolic steroids. That was lunacy. Such drugs can have drastic effects on an individ-

Helicopter black box recovered from sea

By Kerry Gul

THE black box flight recorder from the Super Puma helicopter that crashed in the North Sea late on Saturday with the loss of 11 lives was recovered yesterday and flown to the Civil Aviation Authority's air accident inves-

tigation bureau for analysis. Investigators should be able to say within days whether mechanical failure, as expected, caused the accident. The helicopter plunged into 30ft waves while ferrying workers 220 yards in stormy weather from the Cormorant Alpha oil platform northeast of Shetland to their accommodation module.

Four of the missing bodies have now been recovered and flown to Aberdeen but one person was still unaccounted

for last night.
Press Offshore confirmed that six of its employees had died: Dennis Chisholm, of Forres, Grampian, Robert Carmichael, of Stepps, near Glasgow, Peter Ross, of Motherwell. Strathclyde, Thomas Roe, Adam Young and Andrew Swales. The names of the other five vic-

tims have yet to be released. The remains of the Super Puma were lifted from the seabed yesterday and given an initial examination. They were lying in 400ft of water just under half a mile from Cormorant Alpha and are expected to be brought ashore later today. The fuselage is intact and will be taken to the RAF establishment at Farnborough, Hampshire.

Chris Fay, managing direc-tor of Shell UK, said yesterday that there were no signs of crash injuries on the six survivors, or on any of the ten bodies so far recovered, indicating that the pilot had made a controlled ditch. He also confirmed that 37 men from the platform had gone ashore on compassionate

Only one of the six survivors is still in hospital. John close to drowning in the accident, is said to be out of

Death of dolphins linked to warming

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT



Dirk Bogarde, the actor, who will be 71 on March 28, signs copies of his novel, Jericho, at HatchTHE government was urged yesterday to investigate the deaths of dolphins off the Cornish coast, which Greenpeace claims could be caused indirectly by the ef-

fects of global warming.
The pressure group believes that the dolphins have become caught up in nets after moving into fishing grounds where they are not normally seen as a result of climate So far this year 64 dolphins

have been found dead around West Country coasts, com-pared to only 19 for the whole of last year. Post-mortem ex-aminations have shown that they were mostly healthy ani-mals not suffering from disease or pollution, giving rise suspicions that they had become entangled in monofila-ment fishing nets. "The number of deaths is quite alarming and quite unprece-dented in this area," Mary Munson, Greenpeace fisher-

ies officer, said. "But although it looks more and more as if it is related to fisheries, it doesn't mean it's a new fishing technique. It could be that there are more animals, that they are moving. If so, what is causing them to move is probably some large global trend, which could be global warm-ing, and the government

should investigate it." Elizabeth Stevenson, secretary of the Cornish Fish Producers' Organisation, confirmed yesterday that small cetaceans - dolphins and porpoises - were present off the Cornish coast in greater numbers than had been

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Scientists test hairy potato

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A HAIRY potato from Peru could soon be nudging King Edwards, Wiljas and Maris Pipers off the nation's dinner

Scientists at the International Potato Centre in Lima, following in the footsteps of British researchers, have crossed a wild an inedible tuber, which has short and long hairs on its leaves, with

a traditional eating potato.

Tests indicate that the result is both tasty and extremely effective at repelling damaging and disease carry-ing insects. Ali Golmizzaie, a geneticist at the Centro Internacional de la Papa, said yesterday that the potato was also cheaper to produce because farmers would

need less pesticides. Dr Golmirzaie said their research was being hailed across the world as a tremendons breakthough. More

than 15 countries are to evaluate the new potato, with results expected by the end of

He said the team was also planning to work with Scottish researchers if hairy potatoes can be exempted from Britain's quarantine laws. Studies showed the crossbred potato was protected against most major potato pests including aphids, the Colorado Beetle and thrips.

The main way in which the hairs defend the potato from pests was discovered by British scientists at the Rothamsted experimental station in Harpenden, Hertfordshire, part of the Agricul-tural and Food Research Council. Other scientists had already found that the short hairs produce a quick-setting fluid which, when touched,

At the station, Richard

traps insects.

Gibson and John Pickett discovered that the long hairs also produce an aphid alarm chemical, a substance that mimics the smell made by aphids when attacked. The chemical, which operates at one to three millimetres above the leaves, causes other aphids to shun the plant, helping the potato to avoid being eaten and becoming infected with virus-carrying

The potato could have important implications in the developing world, where insects can destroy huge quantities of crops and where pesticides are relatively expensive. Professor Pickett said he also believed that the discovery could affect the cultivation of seedling potatoes in Britain. Most potato seedlings are now grown in Scotland where there is less

NSPCC reports on children's home danger

Hundreds abused in care

By Jeremy Laurance, social services correspondent

HUNDREDS of children in care have been sexually and physically abused in the residential homes that were supposed to protect them, according to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The abuse has occurred at the hands of both staff and older children in the homes. Victims of sexual abuse are at greater than average risk of becoming abusers in their

A quarter of the NSPCC's 60 child protection teams around the country are investigating cases of institutional abuse or working with the victims, according to Jim Harding, director of child care services. "It is one of our biggest concerns," he said at the launch yesterday of the

society's annual report.
In Leicester, a special telephone help line set up following the Frank Beck case. which revealed widespread abuse in children's homes in the county over many years, received over 100 calls from adults who had suffered problems later as a result of their

abuse.
"The children who go into

a home are the most vulnerable you can imagine," Mr Harding said. "For abuse then to take place in an institution that is supposed to be caring for them must be one of the cruellest things that you can dish out to any human

He said that cases had come to light in at least eight counties including Essex,

• This kind of abuse must be one of the cruellest things you can dish out to any human being 9

Berkshire. Hereford and Worcester, Leicestershire. Staffordshire and Clwyd. "We know of abuse in both children's homes and boarding schools. Abuse in schools, both private and local authority, is at least as prevalent as in the homes. Given the scale of abuse that occurs in institutions we are talking about hundreds of children."

Concern about institutional abuse had been around for long time but had remained hidden from the public, Mr Harding said. "In the past it has been completely ignored. But now more and more cases are coming forward. I don't know how big the iceberg is but I'm sure there are other cases to come to light."

Bob Lewis, secretary of the

Association of Directors of Social Services, said that abuse by staff in children's "does take place on occasions". But there was also a problem of abuse by other children. "If you put a number of children who have been sexually abused together there is a risk that they may continue the practice but this time as the abusers."

A high proportion of staff in residential homes are unqualified and poorly paid. From next month local authorities are required to negotiate new higher pay scales following the interim report of the local government review of residential care chaired by Lady Howe.

not kept pace with the rising cost of services, and 90 staff had been made redundant. The society's new helpline, for This is the first of a flurry of reports due out in the next few anyone worried about the months. An enquiry set up by the National Children's welfare of a child, had received 120,000 calls in its first year. "We have far more Home is shortly to report on the extent of child abuse by requests for help than we can respond to," he said. other children in residential

to light 9



Heavy metal: a gilt collar with cross and star by Christian Lacroix, an example of extraordinary 20th century costume jewellery on show at the Victoria and Albert Museum from tomorrow

Irish pay tribute to reluctant celebrity

PETER TRIEVNOR

BY EDWARD GORMAN IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

FORGET the election, forget St Patrick's Day. Today is the birthday of Bertha, an old lady with no teeth and a black and white face - reputedly the oldest cow in the world: Bertha, 48 today, also holds the record as the most

prolific producer of calves with 39 to her name. Yesterday a million people listened to Gay Byrne's morning radio show as Ireland celebrated Bertha's birthday with a broadcast from her home town of Blackwater Bridge in Co Kerry.

There was traditional Irish music, recitals of ballads and poetry written for the occa-sion, and discussion of the possibility that when Bertha finally does turn her toes up, she might be stuffed by the local taxidermist, who said that his biggest project to date was a donkey.

Bertha turned out to be something of a reluctant star.

Her owner, Jerome O'Leavy.

said she was "pretty nervous" around strangers. But he has a remedy for his old Kerry cow. "I give her a drop of whiskey or a drop of poteen to build her up," he said.

Mr O'Leary said that he could still remember St Patrick's Day 1946 when he and some friends bought Bertha at a fair in nearby Sneem. The four men that were with me are dead, but Bertha is still alive." The secret of her long life, he said, was that, come rain or shine, she had

always lived outdoors. Since producing her 39th calf five years ago, Bertha has helped to raise money for charity with celebrity appearances. Last year she contrib-uted £23,000 to cancer

Trapped woman dragged by train

By PETER VICTOR

A WOMAN aged 85 whose arm was trapped in a train door was dragged screaming. for more than 100ft along astation platform after a guard-signalled the driver to pull out, Leeds crown court was told yesterday. The woman died later in hospital.

Frances Foster, aged 42, a British Rail guard, of Addingham, West Yorkshire, denies wilfully endangering the life of Annette Rose, of Ilkley. West Yorkshire. through neglect of her duties. Andrew Campbell, for the

prosecution, said that it was the guard's duty to make sure that all doors were clear of passengers before shutting them and signalling to the driver to set off. "By her reckless neglect, not only did she endanger the life of passengers, but she was responsible, for that lady losing her life, he said. "It is one of the guard's most basic duties." She failed to carry out a simple check."

Mr Campbell praised Irvine Holdsworth and Gary Roebuck, who tried to help Mrs Rose as the train dragged her along the platform at Guiseley station, near Leeds. "Mr Holdsworth ran after the train and supported the weight of Mrs Rose and tried to free her arm." he said. As the train gained speed he could not keep up and was

forced to let go.

Mr Holdsworth told the court: "I made a grab for her and tried to pull her arm out of the door but couldn't. When the train stopped she was still trapped in the door." While he tried to help Mrs Rose, Mr Roebuck banged on the train windows until the guard alerted the driver.
The case continues today.

Climber's death hits K2 attempt

By KERRY GILL

THE British lightweight expedition in June to climb K2, the world's second highest mountain, is almost certain to be cancelled because of the death of Andy Fanshawe, who fell from an ice ridge on Lochnagar in the Cairngorms on Saturday.

Mr Fanshawe aged 28, was one of the most respected mountaineers in Britain. Yesterday Jim Fotheringham, who was climbing with him and Ulrich Jessop on Saturday, said: "I think it is very unlikely that the expedi-tion will go shead. Andy was very much the driving force behind the expedition to K2." The fourth member of the team, which planned to tackle the Himalayan mountain alpine style - without oxygen or fixed ropes - was Alan

It has emerged that Mr

Jessop, whose wife Cathy died from altitude sickness in the Himalayas during the couple's honeymoon last October, lost another mount-aineering friend in 1986. Mr Jessop was one of three climbers on Broad Peak in the Karakoram range in northern Kashmir when Liam Elliot, of Edinburgh, fell to his death near the 8,035m

William Jessop, Ulrich Jessop's father, said that his son was shattered by the latest tragedy. He and Mr Fanshawe were on what was supposed to have been a "fun weekend" in preparation for the K2 expedition. Police had questioned the climbing parand his son now regarded the events, including the death of his wife, as a "private matter of public concern, but not of public interest".

ITV unveils summer package

IAN Richardson and Anna Massey are to star in Patricia Highsmith's thriller, Under a Dark Angel's Eye, on independent television. It is one of a range of dramas in the commercial stations' £150 million spring and summer

The plays include Angels, featuring Alfred Molina and Cathy Tyson, about three heavenly souls who come down to earth, and Hostage, which expression Medical Property Souls and Hostage, which expression Medical Property Souls and Hostage, an which stars Sam Neill as a secret service agent who has to question his loyalties, and James Fox and Art Malik.

More suspense will be gen-erated in The Jazz Detective, featuring Daniel Webb as a saxophonist who turns sleuth when embroiled in a murder. Tom Courtenay will appear in The Last Butterfly, about a mime artiste who has to choose between helping the German propaganda war machine or risking his life.

LWFs current affairs department has produced Brink's-Mat, a documentary-drama about one of Britain's most notorious robberies. A two-hour conservation special, Endangered Species, features a soundtrack with special contribu-tions from Elton John, Kate Bush, and Peter Gabriel.

George Cole is abandoning his role as Arthur Daley for some more upmarket scams in Root Into Europe. He plays Henry Root, an eccentric Englishman who imagines that the odd fiver as a backhander will opens doors in any walk of life.

Boots and GP pay damages

are to pay £120,000 agreed patient's claim that she suffered brain damage as a result of being prescribed an overdose of a chilblain drug. The negligence action brought by Joan Edwards, aged 64, of Whetstone, north

London, had been scheduled for five days in the High Dr Barbara Howells, of the North Clinic, Whetstone, and Boots denied negligence over the prescription and dispens-ing of Sterogyi-15.

Bowbelle case

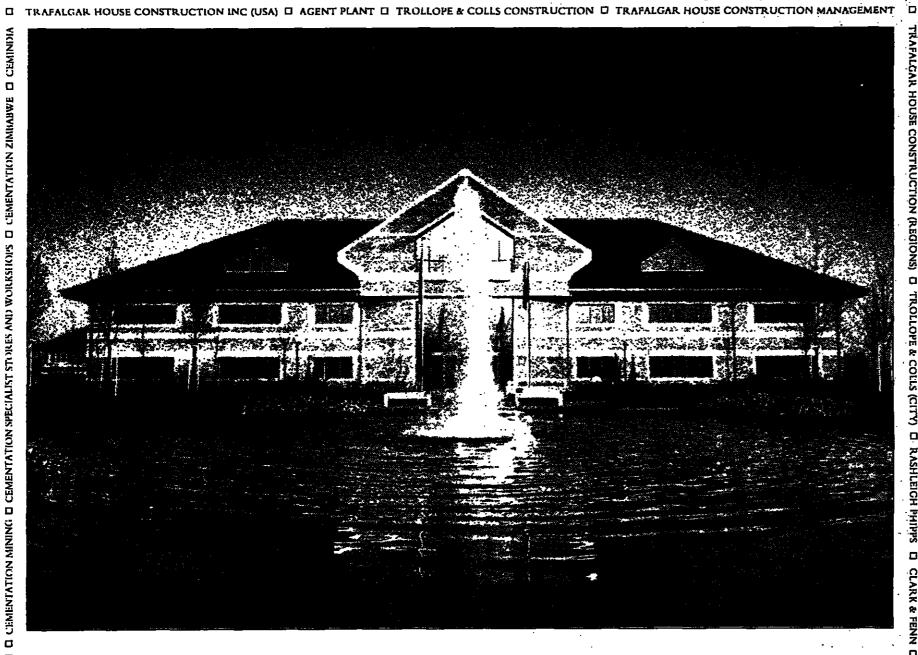
A private prosecution for unlawful killing brought against the owners of the dredger Bowbelle by Ivor Glogg, husband of one of the victims of the Marchioness sinking on the Thames in 1989, was adjourned until April 28 at Bow Street magistrates' court.

Solicitor stole

Dawn Colebrook, a solicitor from Newport, Gwent, plead-ed guilty at Cardiff crown court to 13 charges of theft involving more than E150,000, mostly from dients, and two of false accounting. The case was adjourned.

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Robert Wilson, East Berkshire coroner, refused to let Sarah Sheikh, of George Green, Buckinghamshire, have the rope her husband



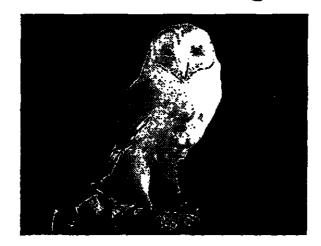
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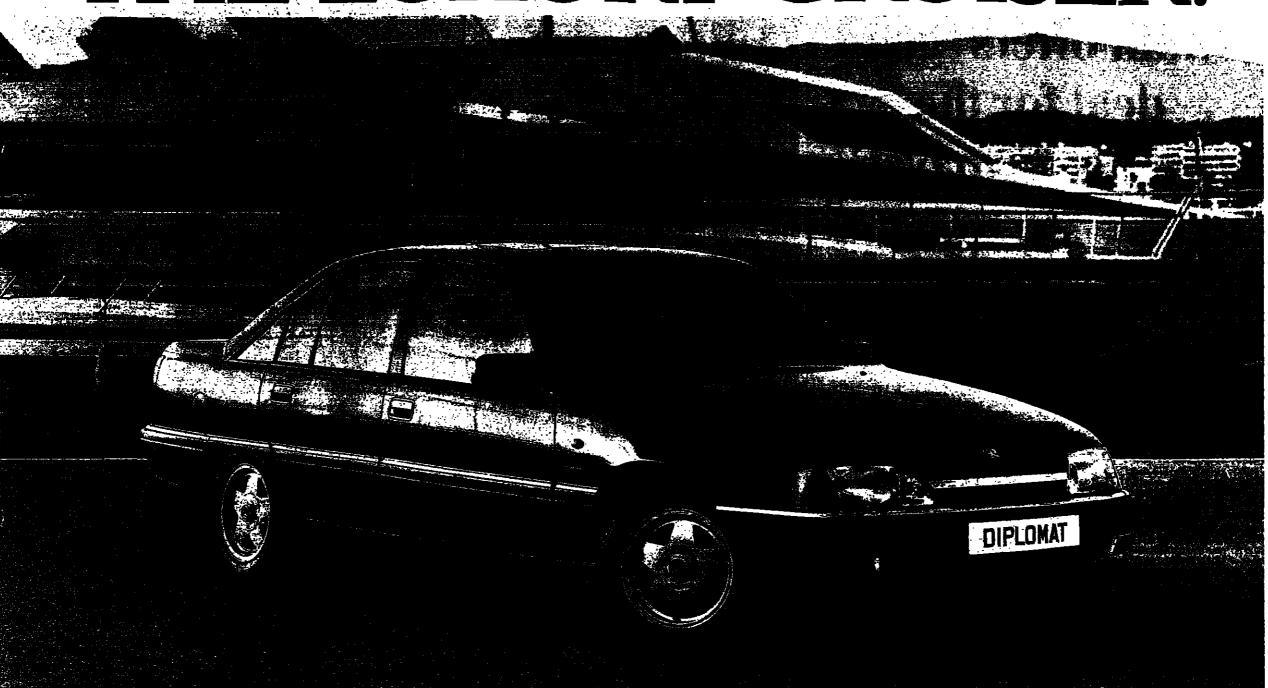
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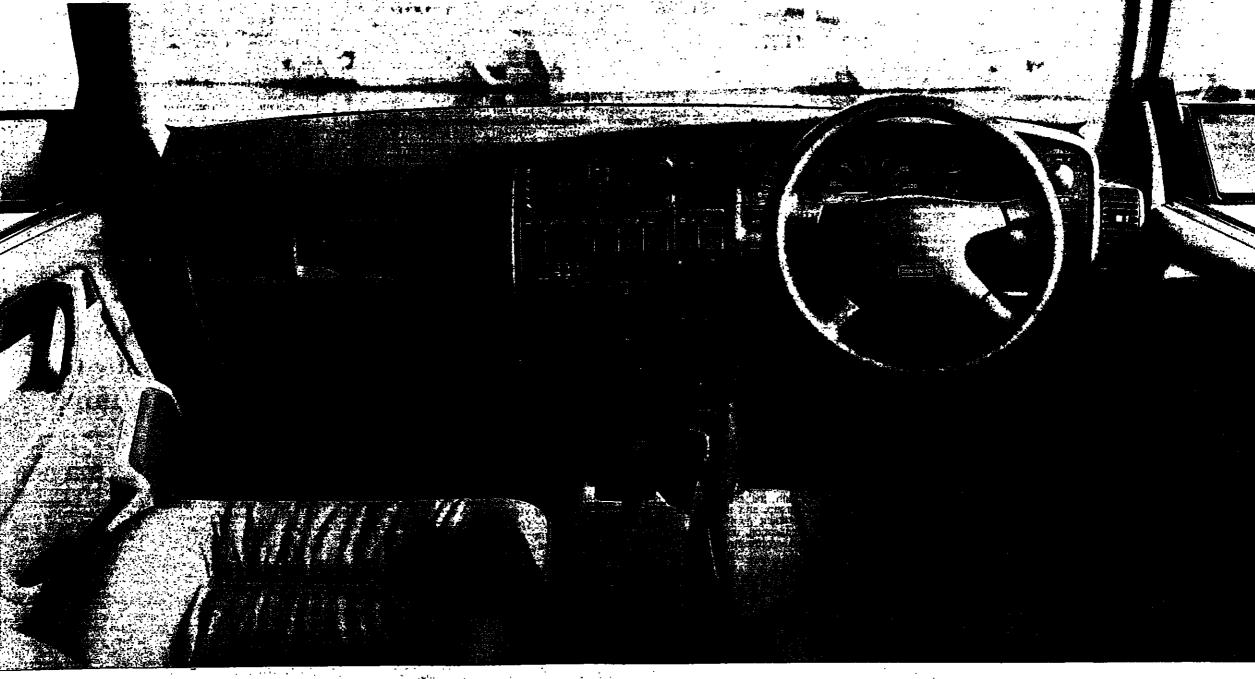
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New 50% top rate would fund investment and make 'vast majority' better off

Smith offers 'good deal for the average taxpayer'

By Philip Webster and Robin Oakley

LABOUR'S alternative Budget would mean that every worker earning up to £22,000 a year would benefit and 740,000 people would be taken out of tax altogether, John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, said yesterday.

Presenting what he called "the Budget Britain needs" the shadow Chancellor said his plans would achieve recovery from recession, provide much needed investment in health and education and other public services, cut taxes for the vast majority, and give special help to families with children, pensioners and the less well off. It was, he said

"a pretty good deal for the average taxpaver". Mr Smith announced extra spending of £1 billion on the health service, £600 million on education and an immediate £1.1 billion recovery programme to tackle the re-

cession. Details will be un-

veiled by shadow ministers

this week. These were in addition to its existing plans to increase child benefit and pensions. Labour's increased spending would be financed by a new 50 per cent top rate of tax brought in on gross incomes of £40,000 and lifting the ceiling on national insurance contributions. Labour will raise £2.7 billion in a full year by its decision to levy the 9 per cent national insurance charge on earnings above £21,060 a year on the same basis as those below it.

The Labour leadership gave serious consideration to phasing the change because of fears it might alienate middle class supporters in the South-east but decided against it because it needed the revenue to pay for the benefit and spending in-creases and to avoid the confusion that a staged system would have involved.

The other key change an-nounced by Mr Smith was his decision to raise the personal tax allowance for all taxpayers by £330 a year or 10 per cent, taking it to E3,625. Mr Smith said that this proposal was the most effective way of assisting low-paid families and confirmed. reverse the new 20 per cent band for the first E2,000 of earnings introduced by Norman Lamont in his Budget

As a result of the rise in the thresholds, 740,000 people would be taken out of income tax altogether, 360,000 more than if they went up purely in line with inflation. Mr Smith announced that he had dropped Labour's proposed "savings tax" under which a 9 per cent national insurance charge would have been levied on unearned income above £3,000 a year. The plan was being withdrawn be-cause of the large number of people who were dependent on unearned income from redundancy settlements.

Mr Smith delivered a pledge that neither in this Budget nor in any other throughout the next Parliament would Labour increase the basic rate of income tax

THE MAIN SPENDING PLEDGES

income tax: Personal allowances to be increased by £330 a year, or 10 per cent, well over twice the amount required to keep pace with inflation. The allowance would be

quired to keep pace with inflation. The allowance would be £3,625, £180 above indexation.

A new top rate of tax of 50 per cent will come in at incomes of £40,000 and above (taxable income £36,375). The 25 per cent basic rate and 40 per cent higher rate will remain unchanged.

Labour's plan to introduce a "savings tax", a 9 per cent charge on unearned income over £3,000, is dropped.

Married couples will have the option of splitting the married couples' allowance between them as they choose.

National insurance: The celling on national insurance contributions will be lifted, meaning that people will pay the 9 per cent national insurance charge on their incomes over £21,060 a year.

The lower 2 per cent contribution on earnings under £54 a week will be abolished, meaning a £56 a year gain for all

employees.

National insurance contributions will be extended to taxable benefits in kind bringing in £300 million in a full year.

 \Box Increase in spending on the health service by £1 billion and on education by £600 million.

I increase in child benefit to £9.95 a week for all children.
That would mean higher child benefit for 12 million children and is worth £127 a year increase.

☐ Retirement pension to be increased by £5 a week for a single person and £8 for a married couple. The cost of the two measures would be £3.3 billion in a full year. ☐ An immediate £1.1 billion recovery programme consisting of manufacturing investment incentives; measures to tackle problems of small firms; a £300 million programme to give job experience and training and stem the rise in long-term unemployment; and a boost to housing through a phased release of capital receipts held by local authorities.

above 25 per cent or the 40 per cent higher rate. The lower paid would also be helped by a further reform of national insurance which would abolish the 2 per cent charge on earnings above £54 a week, a measure which, he said, would mean a £56 a year gain for all employees. That change and the higher

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thresholds will go some way to softening the impact of the lifting of the national insurance ceiling.

Mr Smith said that the

combined effects of the national insurance reforms and the increased personal allowance would mean that a single person on average earnings would receive an increase in disposable income of over £100 a year.

Taking into account the proposed increase in child benefit, the average two-earner family with two children would receive an increase in disposable income of £311 a

He emphasised that the tax reductions and benefit improvements would be financed not by borrowing, but by the tax increases he proposed.



Those increases would raise additional revenue of £1.8 billion in the first year and £3.5 billion in a full year. Taken together, there would be of the order of £5.4 billion additional revenue available by the end of the first full yaer of

a Labour government.
The shadow Chancellor's presentation at the Institution of Civil Engineers near time an Opposition had set out its taxation and spending proposals in such detail. He laughed off a suggestion that he had been panicked into producing a shadow budget and said it was aimed at countering absurd Conservative party misrepresentation of Labour's plans. "I do believe that these policies will effectively counter Conservative misrepresentations." he

"It will be crystal clear to the people of this country that the vast majority will benefit in a number of ways from Labour's proposals." He added: "Some people will have to reasonable in the circumstances. The public has an interest in good public services and an interest in seeing unemployment coming

"Everyone who earns under £22,000 a year will gain. That is the vast majority of the population." He said that if Labour takes office, he would be proposing no other tax increases in his first

budget.
Other reforms include: The
2 per cent incentive for people opting out of the state earnings-related pensions scheme will be withdrawn, raising £820 million. Exemption of workplace nurseries from tax extended to all forms of employer help with childcare at a cost of £5 million a year. The abolition of stamp duty on share transactions will be postponed, retaining the 0.5 per cent duty on share transactions, raising £790 million.



£600m is pledged for schools

By John O'Leary EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR yesterday put a price on its education proposals but would not say how the money would be spent.
The party's alternative bud-

get promised an extra £600 million for education in the first year of a Labour government. However, details of the programme will not be released for at least a week. With the government's

total spending on education now nearing E24 billion a year, the Labour commitment amounts to an increase

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of only 2.5 per cent. The scrapping of some existing programmes, such as the independent schools assisted places scheme, will add to the

Although the party is committed to increasing educa-tion spending from the present 4.6 per cent of GNP to the 1979 level of 5.5 per cent, for example, it has never volunteered a timescale. Some of the main planks of Labour's education pro-

gramme would be relatively cheap to implement. The Education Standards Commission, which would link national and local inspection services, is expected to cost £10 million to set up, while the restoration of 1990 levels of student grants would be balanced by savings on the government's loans scheme. The guarantee of a nursery place for all three and fouryear-olds whose parents want one, the expansion of provision for the 16-to-19 age group, and the doubling of student numbers in higher education, would all require

heavy investment.

Nation's malaise blamed on Tory mismanagement

BY OUR POLITICAL STAFF

SETTING the scene for his million since June 1990. It. shadow budget, John Smith said that Labour would be was now two and a half times higher than in 1979. inheriting an economy badly The shadow chancellor mismanaged for 13 years. said: "The Conservatives The supply side of the econ-

for health spending

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

omy had been neglected. The government had failed to in-

vest and had failed to encour-

age others to invest for the

ong term. The result had

been a net decline in manu-

facturing investment since

1979, cuts in education and

training, reduced research

and development and a

crumbling infrastructure. Between 1990 and 1991

output had fallen by 2.5 per

cent. The present recession

had lasted longer than any

since the 1930s and unem-

ployment had risen by one

FOR the first time Eabour

has named a figure on fund-ing for the NHS by pledging a minimum of £1 billion extra

for the service in the first year.

This would be an extra 3 per.

cent in cash terms on top of

current plans and would dou-

ble the growth money avail-

Plans spending for 1992-93 shows the NHS's budget due to rise by £3.1 billion

from £33.1 to £36.2 billion, or

9.4 per cent. Assuming infla-

tion is held below 6.4 per cent

this will leave £1 billion for growth. Labour's pledge would double that figure.

Pay rises for next year al-

ready agreed with doctors,

dentists, nurses and profes-

sions allied to medicine will

able for next year.

failed to forecast the recession, denied its existence when it started, underestimated both its severity and its length and overestimated how soon a recovery would occur." He denied Tory claims that events in the rest of the world had caused the UK recession. Labour's "Red Book" says

that the immediate cause of the recession was the fall in domestic demand, attribut-able directly to the Conservative policy of high interest factors were that consumers

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cost health authorities less

than 5 per cent because the

government agreed to pay the

excess from the contingency fund. If Labour were to hon-

our this agreeement, and add

its £1 billion on top, the total

growth available to the NHS would be over 7 per cent. No

details were given on how the money would be distributed.

These are to be released in a

detailed health budget later

in the campaign.

Labour has said it would restore the "underfunding" of

the health service over the

lifetime of a parliament. But

Robin Cook, shadow health

spokesman has refused to

name a figure until he has

and firms built up excessively high levels of debt in the 1980s, the Conservatives had cut taxes in the 1987 and 1988 budgets in the middle of the borrowing spree, and that "the deep rift throughout the Conservative party in its attitude to Europe delayed entry to the ERM".

allure to correct weakness in education and training and the reduction in the long term capacity of manufacturing industry, the key tradeable sector of the economy.

Mr Smith argued that the way to defeat inflation in the

medium term was by building efficient and competitive industry. Recovery had to be Labour pledges £1bn investment-led. "Borrowing for investment is justified because it is borrowing that

cy, said Mr Smith, was to produce a framework for long-term decisions. Labour's framework would consist of ☐ An industrial policy which encouraged long term competitive investment in capacity, people and ideas.

ment to narrow bands at the existing parity. ☐ The fiscal principle that the government should only

borrow for investment, reinforced by the convergence criteria of the Maastricht treaty. Market forces, said the shadow chancellor, were not enough to guarantee compethive market success."It is the responsibility of government both to invest, and to encourage others to invest, in educa-tion and training, in research and development and in the

infrastructure."

On the supply side, the problems were the persistent

The task of economic poli-

☐ Membership of the Ex-change Rate Mechanism with, in due course, move-

Factories' tax relief to be increased

labour pre lake 740.0

LABOUR'S Strategic Frame work for Finance and Industry (SFFI). Mr Smith said, provided a clear structure of monetary and fiscal discipline linked to a coherent supply-side policy. It was a precondition for successful fulfilment of the Maastricht treaty convergence terms.

The shadow chancellor said that Labour's budget would retain a number of measures in Norman Lamont's March 10 Budget, notably those to increase business cash flow through alterations to the Uniform Business Rate, policies to help small businesses and special assistance for the car industry in

the form of a car tax reduction from 10 per cent to 5 per cent. However, to bring the economy out of recession, action was needed to promote investment in manufactur-ing, to tackle the skills crisis, to bring opportunity to the unemployed and to revive the construction industry.

A manufacturing investment initiative would increase first-year capital allowances for manufacturing industry to 40 per cent for specific investment in plant. machinery, innovation and design for an initial period of one year. The proposal, to be reviewed after a year, "should provide a significant incentive to manufacturing investment which, regrettably, fell by 14 per cent in 1991".

To start to build a worldclass workforce, there would be a £300 million "Skills for the Nineties" fund, as well as and restoration of Conservative cuts in employment training and youth training. Mr Smith said: "We propose a radical new employment pro-gramme, also costing £300 million, which, by providing job experience and training, will help stem the rise in longterm unemployment."

The red book says that the job experience programme would "promote work of ben-efit to the community as well as helping the unemployed" and adds: "Training will be available to those on the programme and people on it will be paid a rate for the job." To stimulate the building

trade and provide muchneeded housing, councils would be allowed a "phased release" of capital receipts. British Rail would immediately be allowed "to proceed with a pilot leasing scheme to

renovate the rolling stock on the North Kent line", the red

Not quite the real thing

By ROBIN OAKLEY

JOHN Smith, not always known for the slimline, took just twenty minutes to outline his shadow budget compared with Norman Lamont's 70 minutes on March 10.

Labour was trying to make it look like the real thing and a statistical "red book" was issued when Mr Smith concluded. But since he had been given no access to the Treacians it ran to a mere 12 pages compared with the 79 of the real thing. At least the shadow chan-

cellor forbore to wave his phers when he and his frontbench team posed in front of the Treasury. That might have figured on too many comedy Christmas cards if it all went wrong on April 9.

The unruffled Mr Smith coasted jovially through a 40 minute press conference afterwards, with Jack Cunning ham, the resident MC. refusing to allow questions to be put to Neil Kinnock

When a Times story on the severity of Labour's tax plans was quoted Mr Smith declared himself "charmed" by allegation that he would be "even more ferocious than Denis Healey". To another questioner concerned about City stockbrokers' reactions he confided that they had not worried too much about how Surrey stockbrokers might be mobilised.

Revealing that he himself, on an MP's £30,000 a year, would be some £800 out of pocket with his package, Mr Smith said that he would be happy to pay up in the interests of a fairer society and

Smith plan is bad news for 3.5m, Tories say

restore all cuts

Increase would not

By JEREMY LAURANCE SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S promise to in-crease child benefit to £9.95 a week for all children would restore it to its 1987 level but still leave it lower in real terms than it was in 1985. To make good the 5 per cent cut implemented then would require a rise to £10.40.

Child benefit is currently £9.25 a week for the first child and £7.50 for all subsequent children. Those will rise on April I to £9.65 and £7.80. The Conservatives have promised to raise child benelit in line with prices in future. Labour will, if elected, add

another 30 pence to the April rise and end the distinction between first and subsequent children. This would mean higher benefit for 12 million children and be worth an extra £127.40 a year to a family with two children, the

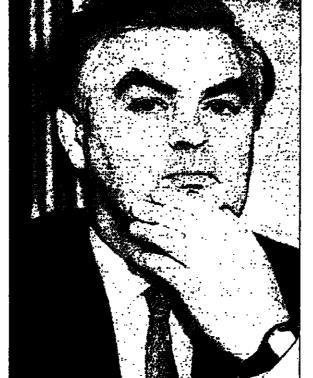
party says. Child benefit is paid regardless of income and has been widely seen as one of the most effective ways of redistributing money to families with children. But in an effort to aim help more effectively

CHILD BENEFIT the Conservative government last year to reflect the higher

costs of raising the first child.
The Child Poverty Action Group said Labour's announcement was a significant step forward. However it criticised the party's plan to ex-tend tax relief on workplace nurseries to all forms of employer subsidised child care. This would cover child care vouchers and cash allowances given to working mothers to spend on private arrangements they make.

Assistance with the costs of child care had been widely expected in the budget but to the surprise of pressure groups it was omitted.

The Child Poverty Action Group said Labour's plan would focus assistance on those already in work. "We would like to see policies to help low income families with the costs of child care and increased investment in services." Fran Bennett, the di-



Lamont: Labour would make Britain one of the highest taxed nations in the West

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

"seen the books."

LABOUR'S alternative budget proposals would deliver a "knock-out punch" to 3.5 nillion people earning over £22,000 a year. Norman Lamont said last night as the Conservatives mounted a counter-offensive to John Smith's revised tax and spending proposals.

Ministers concentrated

their fire on the Opposition's decision to press ahead with abolition of the £21,060 annual earnings ceiling on National Insurance contributions (Nics). The Chancellor said that

the combination of the Nics change and the 50 per cent top rate of tax on earnings of over £40,000 a year would make Britain one of the high-est taxed nations in the Western world.

Even with Mr Benn in a Labour cabinet, the 50 per-cent tax rate only applied at incomes above £57,000 at today's prices," Mr Lamont said. He predicted higher interest rates, devastation for house prices and an end to the chances of recovery as the most enterprising sec-. tion of society staggered

public spending". However, the public knew

under soaring taxes. The Tories also argued that the extra £1 billion for the NHS and £600 million for

Labour's £37 billion of promises," Mr Patten said.
Mr Patten dismissed Labour's proposals as an "iceberg budget", saying that it was just the beginning of higher taxes all round. "We REACTION

training would be swallowed up by higher pay and other pledges that would do noth-ing for patients and jobless people seeking new skills.

Michael Howard, the employment secretary, said that any potential gains would be wiped out by pledges such as the "rate for the job" on training courses and the minimum wage in the NHS.

Ministers also opened up a second front in their attacks on their chief rivals by accus-ing them of planning to rob 4.5 million private pension holders of discounts worth up to £360 a year.

Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman, claimed that Labour was in full retreat. It had spent weeks denouncing tax cuts as a bribe and "saying that every penny piece of money available should go on

that Mr Smith's latest offering was a "phoney budget" and that everyone would eventually face higher taxes under Labour. "The voters are not mugs, they know that even a massive tax hike for those on above-average incomes would not pay for

over tax and spending from here to polling day," he said. Tony Newton, the social security secretary, said that Labour's plan to save £820 million by ending the 2 per cent incentive for people to opt out of Serps would be damaging for 4.5 million people, most of them under 40 and on below average pay.

The 2 per cent rebates apply until 1993 and are paid a year in arrears. In

are going to hound Labour

1993/94, holders of private pension plans could normally expect rebates on 1992/93 pension contributions. How ever, Mr Newton said, Lab-our was planning a retro-spective strike against people who took out plans up to four years ago. "If Labour is elected ... the basis of all 4.5 million pension contributions will be wrecked, he said.

The pension change made mockery of Labour's claim that no one earning less than £22,000 a year would be worse off under its plans.

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SOLW THE TWO-earner families on av-Medical S erage salaries will be best off under Labour's budget. Those earning above £22,000 a year will pay for the mea-sures with higher national and the same insurance contributions. AND THE STREET A 50 per cent tax band will be charged on taxable earn-The Sugar

ings over £36,375, which means single people will begin to pay it on earnings over £40,000. A single earner family on £100,000 a year will be almost £13,000 a year worse off under Labour. Their net income will be £52,090, compared with £64,930 under the Tories. The Labour party will raise the starting point for income tax by £330 to £3,625. That will take 740,000 people out of taxation. It will, however,

scrap the 20p tax band an-nounced in last week's Budget. This tax rate for the first £2,000 of earnings will mean that four million taxpayers will only pay tax on earnings and savings at 20p. Labour will abolish the pov-

erty trap that occurs with national insurance contributions for low-paid workers by getting rid of the 2 per cent band on earnings under £54 a week. Child benefit will increase by 30p for first child-ren and £2.15 for others to give them all a weekly allowance of £9.95.

The ceiling for national insurance contributions will be abolished. That will mean income above £21,060 will be subject to the 9 per cent employee's contribution. Employees now pay only up to the ceiling, although employers pay contributons on the whole amount of wages. Benefits in kind, such as private medical cover will also be subject to national insurance.

A new higher-rate tax band of 50 per cent will be charged on taxable income of £36,375. That means that single people will have to earn at least £40,000 to pay the higher rate and married couples more.

Plans to charge an extra tax on interest on savings and other "unearned income". above £3,000 a year were left out of the budget because it was not possible to exempt

Labour proposals take 740,000 out of the tax net

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

FAMILIES those who were living off sav. or she would lose £33.50 a ings after having been made week redundant, Mr Smith said. Families with one earner

The tax changes will be backdated to April 6 if Labour forms the next government and the national insurance changes will be implemented from July 1. The increase in child benefit and raising state pensions by £5. for single pensioners and £8 for married couples would start in November, unless it proved possible to bring them

forward, Mr Smith added. The changes would make the average two-earner family with two children £311 a year

Two-earner couples will be £3.53 a week better off if their income is between £10,000 and £35,000 and they have no children. With one child they will be £3.83 a week better off and with two children £5.98 better off. At £40,000, they will be £1.56 a week worse off without children. £1.26 worse off with one child and 89p a week better off if they have two children.

A single person on average earnings will gain £100 a year. At £22,000 a year, a single person would be 32p a week worse off. At £25,000,

he or she would be £4.88 worse off and at £40,000 he

will be 4p a week worse off at £22,000 a year with no children and £2.41 a week better off if they have two children. At £25,000, the one-earner family with two children will be £2.78 a week worse off.

Couples will be able to split the married couple's tax allowance of £1,720 between them as they choose. That will enable couples where the wife is a higher-rate taxpayer and the husband is not to be up to £258 a year better off. That was also proposed in last week's Budget for the year starting April next year. Employer-provided child-care benefits will be exempted

from tax to bring them into line with workplace nurseries. Schemes devised to avoid employers' national insurance contributions have grown up in recent months. These will now be subject to national insurance contribu-

The 2 per cent bonus paid to the four million employees who have contracted out of the state earnings-related pensions scheme will be removed from April 6.

Smith turns the tables on Thatcher's children

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY

IF IT achieved nothing else John Smith's skilfully presented, but broadly predictable, alternative budget should have scotched the idea that there is no difference on economic policy between the two major parties.

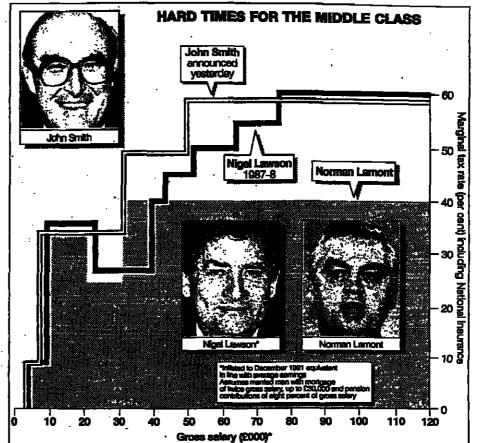
Both Labour and Conser-

vatives may be stuck with monetary policies dictated from Frankfurt and public finances debauched by recession. But even within the straitiacket of ERM-dictated macroeconomics. Mr Smith has found plenty of room to set out an unmistakably socialist programme that would have put any previous Labour Chancellor to shame.

Never before has an opposition party announced in advance a redistribution of income on anything like the scale now planned by Labour. Rarely has the difference between the parties in attitudes to public spending been more explicit. And never has Labour been more explicit in its commitment to help the poor with very expensive universal benefits, instead of more costeffective, but arguably divisive, targeted and means-

heart of Mr Smith's budget. There has been only one occasion in recent history when a government has undertaken social engineering on anything like the scale announced yesterday. That was in Mrs Thatcher's first Budget, which slashed income tax rates at the expense of a virtu-

Redistribution was at the



tax and redistributed income from the poor to the rich. That time the electorate was

carefully kept in the dark. This time. I about has been admirably frank. Its officials did not even try to disguise their glee at the prospect of turning the tables on the beneficiaries of Thatcherism. As Mr Smith said in the one impassioned moment of his generally cool presentation: "We have had 13 years when al doubling in value added

tives, the national insurance

contribution for 1992-1993

people at the top got preferential treatment from the government. In this budget we are starting to talk for the ordinary people of this coun-

in all, Labour's proposals would increase the tax take from the rich — defined as people earning more than the national insurance upper earnings limit of roughly £21,000 a year — by £5.14 billion. From £25,000 up-

cent on the first £2,000 of

taxable income under Con-servative Budget proposals

would have cut the tax bill for

a married couple both receiv-

ing a pension by £172 a year.

rapidly, reaching £1,800 for childless people on £40,000 and £3,700 at £50,000 a year. In justifying the unprecedented taxes he was proposing for the middle class, Mr Smith made the valid point that he was not the only one who had targeted the E30,000 to £50,000 group for higher taxes. A man on E30,000 would be £1,500 worse off after his budget

wards the losses would mount

than his counterpart would have been in 1978, Mr Smith conceded. But only £700 of that loss would be due to the Labour budget proposals. The other £800 had been stealthily taxed away by the Conservatives in 13 when tax brackets failed to keep up with earnings

growth.

The biggest beneficiaries from Mr Smith's redistribution would be two-earner families with several children on very low incomes. A couple with two children and two earners making £8,000 between them would gain £240 a vear relative to Mr Lamont's proposals and be £311 better off than they are today. Those gains may seem surprisingly paltry relative to the large amounts being raised in new taxes. There are two reasons for that, which go to the

heart of the two other distinc-

tive features of Labour's en-

choosing to raise universally available child benefits, pensions and personal allowances. Mr Smith has given a large part of his largesse to the better-off, whom he was taxing from the other pocket. But even granted Labour's aversion to means-testing, Mr Smith was raising far more money from the affluent than he needed to pay for his desired income redistribution. In total, Mr Smith's budget would produce £9.06 billion in new revenues in a full year, including not only the taxes on the rich but the imposts on company share transactions, changes in the opting-out provisions for private pensions and the reversal of Mr Lamont's 20 per cent tax band. Of that only £5.55 billion will be spent on higher pensions, child benefits and other tax reliefs.

That will leave £3,51 billion in extra revenues for a Labour government to put into new public spending programmes from 1993-4. Of that £3.5 billion, roughly £1 billion is committed already for training, education and health. but Labour officials acknowledged that roughly £2.7 billion would remain to be allocated by shadow spending ministers during the course of the election campaign and in the Labour gov-ernment's first year.

It is that unaffocated extra spending that crystallises the differences between the two major parties. The Tory government's recently inflated spending plans already allow for public spending growth of about 5 per cent in real terms. Labour feels it needs leeway to add a further £2.7 billion annually, beyond the commitments on health, training and education it has already made. That extra spending happens to be exactly equal to the revenue raised by abolishing the national insurance ceiling — the measure that will add far more than any other to the cost of a Labour government for the moderately well paid.

Mr Smith could easily have confined his tax increases to the genuinely rich — people earning more than £50,000 - and still paid for all his party's announced commitments on social spending. health and education. But Labour felt it needed the leeway to spend even more and that the affluent could afford to pay more. Mr Smith's made his choice crystal clear yesterday. Now it will be the

How Labour's plans would affect typical families

vatives this year than it was last year. The family would have £31,894 in net income

married

couple with a

wife and two

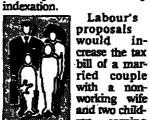
instead of £31,765.



Labour's al-ternative budget proposals would put £10 more a year after tax into the pockets of married couple with one child with

a total gross income of E35,000 than last week's Conservative proposals would do. If a man earns E20,000 a year before tax and his wife earns £15,000, then they would save £346 a year in 1992-1993 on their tax bill under Labour's proposals and £336 a year under the Conservatives compared with 1991-1992. Under Labour, both would benefit from plans to increase personal allowances

by £330 a year (10 per cent) or £180 a year above statutory indexation. Labour's



crease the tax bill of a married couple with a non-working wife and two children earning £45,000 a year by £2,225 a year on 1991-92. Although their personal allowance would have increased by £330 a year, their national insur-ance contribution would go

in a full year. The family

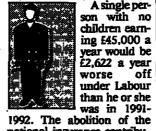
would be £129 a year better off after tax under the Conser-

children and a gross annual £100,000 £12,675 worse off than they are in the current year. This is mainly due to the abolition of the upper earnings limit on national insurup from £1,636 in 1991contributions which 1992 to £3,797 under Labour would increase the level of national insurance to £8,747 from £1,636 in 1991up from £1,636 in 1991-1992. Under the Conserva-

Old age pensions will ingovernment crease by £8 would leave a for couples from November under the non-working Labour budget. Total extra pension in

would be £1.699.

will be £208 per couple. A married couple aged between 65 and 74 earning £10,000 a year would be £345 better off under Labour because of pension and tax allowance increases. In a full year of pension increase they would be £562 better off. Increases in personal allowances and a cut in income tax to 20 per



than he or saw was in 1991-of the 1992. The abolition of the national insurance contribution ceiling under Labour would cost him or her £3,797. In 1991-1992, the paymen would have been £1,636 and under the Conservatives in 1992-1993 £1,699.

SINGLE PERSON, NO CHILDREN

40,000 MORTGAGE	BBGget	Labout	Budget	Labour	Proget	LEDQ
GROSS ANNUAL INCOME	10,000	10,000	15,000	15,000	20,000	20,00
- Personal allowance	3,445	3,625	3,445	3,625	3,445	3,62
- Net mortgage interest	3,575	.3,575	3,575	3,575	3,575	3,57
Taxable income	6,555	6,375	11,555	11,375	16,555	16,37
Tax thereon	1,539	1.594	2,789	2,844	4,039	4,0
NI contributions	703	647	1,153	1,097	1,603	1,54
NET INCOME	7,758	7,759	11,058	11,059	14,358	14,35
(% tax reduction)	(-0.04)		(- 0.03)		(- 0.02)	
80,000 MORTGAGE	Budget	abour	Budget	Labour	Budget	Labo
GROSS ANNUAL INCOME	30,000	30,000	45,000	45,000	60,000	60,00
- Personal allowance	3,445	3,625	3,445	3,625	3,445	3,6
- Net mortgage Interest	7,975	7,975	7,975	7,975	7,975	7,97
Taxable income	26,555	26,375	41,555	41,375	56,555	56,37
Tax thereon	6.967	6,995	12,967	13,495	18,967	20,99
NI contributions	1,899	2,447	1,699	3,797	1,699	5,14
NET INCOME	21,334	20,558	30,334	27,708	39,334	33,85
(% tax reduction)	(-8.95)		(-17 <u>-9</u> 1)		(-26.50)	
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40,000 MORTGAGE	Budget	Labour	Budget	Labour	Budget	Labor
GROSS ANNUAL INCOME	12,000	12,000	15,000	15,000	20,000	20,00
- Personal allowance	5,165	5,345	5,165	5,345	5, <u>165</u>	5,34
 Net mortgage interest 	3,575	3,575	3,575	3,575	3,575	3,57
Taxable income	6,835	6,655	9,835	9,655	14,835	14,65
Tax thereon	1,609	1,664	2,359	2,414	3,609	3,66
NI contributions	883	827	1,153	1,097	1,603	1,54
Child benefit	872	972	872	972	872	97
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0,000 MORTGAGE	Budget	Labour	Budget	Labour	Budget	Labour
GROSS ANNUAL INCOME	30,000	30,000	45,000	45,000	60,000	60,000
Personal allowance	5,165	5,345	5,165	5,345	5,165	5,345
Net mortgage interest	7,975	7,975	7,975	7,975	7.975	7,975
l'axable income	24,835	24,655	39,835	39,655	54,835	54,655
Tax thereon	6,279	6,307	12,279	12,635	18,279	20,135
VI contributions	1,699	2,447	1,699	3,797	1,699	5,147
Child benefit	872	972	872	972	872	972
NET INCOME	22,930	22,210	31,930	29,540	40,930	35,690
% tax reduction)	(-9.73)		(-17.58)		(-26.55)	
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NO MORTGAGE	Budget	Labour	Budget	Labour	Budget	Labour
BROSS ANNUAL INCOME	10.000	10.000	15.000	15,000	20.000	20,000
Personal allowance	4,200	4.350	3.800	3,950	3,445	3.625
			11,200	11,050	16.565	16,375
Faxable income	3.600	5.03V	11,200	11.000		
laxable income Fax thereon	5,800 1,350	5,650 1,413	2,700	2,763	4,039	4,094
Fax thereon	1,350	1,413	2,700	2,763	4,039	4,094
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Tax thereon NET INCOME % tax change)	8,650 (4.67)	1,413 8,587	2,700 12,300 (2.33)	2,763 12,237	4,039 15,981 (1.36)	4,094 15,906
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NO MORTGAGE GROSS ANNUAL INCOME - Personal allowance Taxable Income Tax thereon	Budget 10,000 4,370 5,630 1,308	Labour 10,000 4,410 5,590 1,398	Budget 15,000 3,970 11,030 2,658	Labour 15,000 4,010 10,990 2,748	Budget 20,000 3,445 16,555 4,039	20,000 3,625 16,375 4,094
NET INCOME (% tax change)	8,692 (6.88)	8,602	12,342 (3.39)	12,252	15,981 (1.38)	15,906
NO MORTGAGE GROSS ANNUAL INCOME + Investment income - Personal allowance Taxable income Tax thereon	25,000 15,000 3,445 36,555 10,967	Labour 25,000 15,000 3,625 36,375 10,995	Budget 30,000 15,000 3,445 41,555 12,967	Labour 30,000 15,000 3,625 41,375 13,495	85,000 15,000 3,445 46,555 14,967	35,000 15,000 3,625 46,375 15,995
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NET INCOME JOINT NET INCOME (tax %)	9,508 16,448	6,940 (-0.05)	9,509 16,458	6,949	11,488 19,748	8,260 (-0.03)	11,489 19,758	8,269	14,788 28,348	11,560 (-0.02)	14,789 26,358	11,569	22,022 33,582	.11,560 (-6.50)	21,246 32,815	11,50
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NET INCOME JOINT NET INCOME (tax %)	28,022 42,882	14,860 (9.51)	26,348 41,215	14,869	40,022 87,858	27,816 (21.33)	34,718 60,886	26,168	52,022 91,858	-	42,918 77,288	34,368	64,022 115,858	51,636 (34.33)	51,118 93,6 8 6	42,56

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NET INCOME (% tax change)	12,396 (-0.03)	12,461	15,696 (-0.02)	15,761	19,350 (5.38)	19,061	22,930 (9.73)	22,218	26,930 (12,29)	24,768
GROSS ANNUAL INCOME - Personal allowance - Net mortgage interest Taxable income Tax thereon NI contributions Child benefit	45,000 5,165 7,975 39,835 12,279 1,699 908	45,000 5,345 7,975 39,655 12,635 3,797 972	60,000 5,185 7,975 54,835 18,279 1,699 908	60,000 5,345 7,975 54,656 20,135 5,147 972	100,000 5,165 7,975 94,835 34,279 1,699 908	100,000 5,345 7,975 94,655 40,135 8,747 972	140,000 5,165 7,975 134,835 50,279 1,699 908	140,000 5,345 7,975 134,655 60,135 12,347 972	190,000 5,165 7,975 174,835 66,279 1,699 908	180,000 5,345 7,975 174,653 80,135 15,947
NET INCOME (% tax change)	31,930 (17.56)	29,540	40,930 (28.55)	35,590	84,930 (35.87)	52,090	88,930 (39.45)	68,490	112,830 (41.34)	84,890

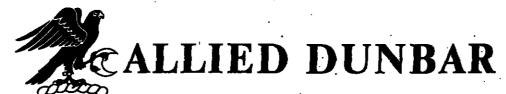
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NO MORTGAGE INCOME (PENSIONS) + Investment income - Personal allowance Taxable income Tax thereon	Husband 13,307 6,000 5,165 14,142 3,436	1,693 4,000 4,370	Husband 13,229 6,000 5,345 13,884 3,471	Wife 1,771 4,000 4,410 1,361 340	Husband 18,307 6,000 5,165 19,142 4,686	Wife 1,693 4,000 4,370 1,323 265	Husband 18,229 6,000 5,345 18,884 4,721	Wife 1,771 4,000 4,410 1,361 340	Husband 23,307 6,000 5,165 24,142 6,002	Wife 1,693 4,000 4,870 1,323 265	Hupband 23,229 6,000 5,345 23,884 5,999	Wife 1,771 4,000 4,410 1,361 340	Husband -23,307 9,000 5,165 27,142 7,202	Wife 1,693 6,000 4,370 3,323 731	Husband 23,229 9,000 5,345 26,884 7,199	Wife 1,771 6,000 4,410 3,361 840
NET INCOME JOINT NET INCOME (tax %	15,871) 21,299	5,428 (2.97)	15,758 21,189	5,431	19,821 25,049	5,428 (2.22)	19,508 24,939	5,431	23,305 28,733	5,428 (1.15)	23,230 28,661	5,431	25,105 32,067	6,962 (1.34)	25,030 31,961	6,93

Top unit trust awards-A to Z of winners



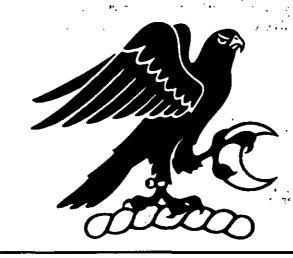
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Ban lifted on TV and radio interviews with Sinn Fein

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE ban on broadcasting interviews with republican and loyalist groups that openly support paramilitary activity has been lifted in the run up to the general election.

For the next three and a half weeks. Sinn Fein candidates and their supporters will be included in electionrelated broadcasts to argue their "armalite and ballot box" approach to politics.

During the campaign the regulations that keep Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, and his closest colleagues off television and radio are lifted. However, the ban becomes operational the moment the polls close, so if Mr Adams holds his West Belfast seat, the public will not hear his victory speech in Belfast city hall.

Yesterday Sinn Fein's director of elections in North-

IRELAND: has been considerable confuern Ireland predicted that the restrictions, which also apply temporary lifting of the ban; to ten other paramilitary and would provide the party with the opportunity to make up any ground lost to it since the restrictions were introduced

Jim Gibney, a member of Sinn Fein's national executive, said that the party was confident that it could increase its 11.4 per cent share of the nationalist vote in Northern Ireland and retain the seat held by Mr Adams. We are confident that we

in 1988.

can make up the ground over the next few weeks," Mr. Gibney said. "Our view going into this election is that our electorate is sound and dependable."

This is the first Westminster election fought since the ban was introduced and there

Majors take possession of a second-hand bus

JOHN Major seemed as wary as might any second-hand car buyer when his campaign "Battle Bus" was driven up to Tory headquarters in Smith Square yesterday for his in-spection. Along the bus's flank, in giant letters, ran the motto: "John Major, the best future for Britain.

Looking at the vehicle, the prime minister mused privately about its recent history: one careful lady owner, revoked licence forces reluctant sale. He walked around it. Away from the cameras, perhaps he kicked the tyres.

Then he and his wife Norma took a tentative step on board, turning briefly to wave to the media people. "Can you give a wave for the Evening Standard?" cried the Evening Standard's photographer.
"With how many fingers?"
came Mr Major's obediently
smiling reply, "With how
many fingers?" presumably being what media-trained politicians say instead of

When the cameras had had their fill of fingers, Mr Major leant down to Norma, standing on the step below, hugged on, in you come," steered her into their new mobile home. as if they had just said cheerio to dinner guests.

However, once inside the armour-plated Plaxton Duple coach, Mr Major seemed too excited to think of filling the hot water bottles and making the cocoa. "It's an astonishing 'Battle Bus' ... Every-thing you could want on the move and more ... You can even stand up in it without stooping! ... It's a bit special,

On board are computers, telephones and fax machines. The bus even has thick grey carpet up the walls, which gives it the feel of a padded security cell. Nobody seemed to know if this feature was installed by the previous owner or was part of the latest refurbishment. There is a kitchenette at the back, which goes some way towards explaining why the couple had spent the morning shopping in the market town of St Ives in Mr Major's Huntingdon

constituency.

They had filled their baskets with rump steak, three pork chops, a pound of pig's liver, dried apricots, smoked salmon and a helping of soft her shoulders affectionately and with the words, "Come message to the electorate about the importance of fam-

silon about when precisely the politically extreme organisations in the province, were

The BBC in Belfast and Sinn Fein both assumed that the restrictions ended at midnight last night after the dissolution of Parliament, and Sinn Fein has delayed its first main press conference until tomorrow. Ulster Television has already run election interviews with Sinn Fein representatives believing correctly. as the Home Office confirmed yesterday, that the ban ended as soon as the election was called last

Although the restrictions have been lifted, Sinn Fein and the other ten organisations are still excluded from making general state-ments that have no direct relevance to the election...

which Sinn Fein are, then

they obviously have the right

to campaign during that time," an official said.

The ban was introduced in

1988 after a review of security following an IRA attack at Ballygawley, Co Tyrone, in which eight soldiers were

killed as they returned to their

barracks at Omagh. Marga-

ret Thatcher cut short her

holiday and ordered a review

of security, which produced the broadcasting ban aimed

at denying Sinn Fein and its

supporters the oxygen of publicity.

It was strongly criticised by

opposition politicans but

sources in the government say that the ban has been a

resounding success in keep-

ing Sinn Fein off television.

Privately, Sinn Fein has

admitted that in the first

years of the ban enquiries

from all British broadcasting

companies dropped by 75 per

Wednesday.

Critics of the legislation. which is likely to be scrapped if a Labour government takes office, say that it is absurd to lift the restrictions just when they could be most effective. The Home Office said that the regulations ensured that all legitimate candidates had an equal right to campaign during the special circumstances of a general election. "If they are recognised as a legitimate political party,

> Tower Hamlets council, which covers the constituen-

DEEP in the heart of Stepney, under the shadow of the Docklands light railway, a plaque on the corner of Ca-ble Street records the spot where, on a Sunday in October 1936, the Metropolitan police commissioner confronted Sir Oswald Mosley

and 4,000 marching Black-

shirts and told them to go

Culture

change in

heart of

East End

Were Sir Oswald to revisit the spot today, he would face overwhelming evidence that his anti-semitic, racist crusade had been an abject

Estimates suggest that

nearly one third of the votes in the constituency of Bethnal Green and Stepney where Peter Shore, the sitting tenant of 28 years, opened his election campaign last night, belong to the burgeoning Bangladeshi community who have made this rundown working-class area situated on the east ern fringes of the City their

Although comfortably ensconced with a majority of 5,284, Shore has seen a slow decline in the Labour vote. For an alien being, the Con-servative candidate Lady Olga Manland made a respectable showing in 1987 with 6,000 votes, but the true challengers are the Liberal Democrats, who increased their vote last time by 1.4 per cent, a modest improvement but very much against the national

STEPNEY Constituency profile by Alan Hamilton

Support role: stepping out in Stepney, where a third of votes will come from the Bangladeshi community

cy and the neighbouring one of Bow and Poplar, has been firmly under Liberal-Democrat control since 1986, with councillors to Labour's

There are no Conserva tives at all, not even from the wards encompassing the Porsche-infested Docklands housing developments, which are still responsible

for returning Labour councillors. Old animosities still lurk

beneath the bright, bland, middle-of-the-road surface. In 1983 the National Front put up a candidate who attracted 800 votes; they did not contest the seat in 1987. Last year Shore survived a Militant-inspired attempt to deselect him in favour of

Phil Maxwell, left-wing leader of the council's Labour group, allegedly because of Shore's support for the Gulf war.

Shore seems assured of retaining his seat but Jeremy Shaw, the Lib-Dem candi date who took nearly one third of the vote in 1987, will probably again come a respectable second. Tower

Hamlets is almost the only area of inner London to be experiencing a population increase, mainly because of the growing Bangladeshi community, and it is to them the the Lib-Dems largely look for support.

"They come from an enterprise culture; they are not automatic Labour fodder. Mr Shaw said yesterday.

Party comes to the aid of almost all

THE Conservative party at Westminster is the party that nearly everybody leaves with a

Of the 57 Tory MPs who eft the Commons for the last time yesterday, who included some "early leavers", 27 had been ministers at some stage of their career. Twenty-two had a mark of special distinction as privy counsellors, giving them the right to be addressed as the right honourable X.

Prime ministers have another kind of patronage to dispense, too. Tory MPs are ivided traditionally into those seeking to become ministers quickly and those hoping to become knights slowly. That may be something of a simplification (some become both), but a look at the 57 Tories who are leaving the Commons does offer supporting evidence.

No fewer than 33 of the departing are taking knighthoods with them. Another 11 (Sir Ian Gilmour, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Nigel Lawson, John Moore, Cecil Parkinson, Nicholas Ridley, Norman Tebbit, Margaret Thatcher, Peter Walker, John Wakeham and George Younger) are former members of the cabinet who can expect an alternative seat on the red leather benches of the House

of Lords. Nobody should ever underestimate as a force in British politics the power of patron-age enjoyed by a prime minister. Including her dissolution honours list, Mrs Thatcher made knights or dames of 105 Tory MPs between 1979 and 1990. Some have suggested that Mrs Thatcher overdid the largesse. If she had created rather fewer knights, the argument goes, there would have been more looking to her for future re-ward and not so many in the leadership contest feeling they had nothing to lose by

her departure. Haroid Macmillan handed out peerages and knight-

HONOURS hoods at the rate of about one a month on average. Between 1951 and 1964 nearly a third

Although Harold Wilson, the Labour prime minister, will be associated for ever with the famous "lavender notepaper" dissolution honours list he was something of a reformer, bestowing only five knighthoods in 1966-70. In the Heath years, there were a mere eight knight-

For all his talk of the classless society. John Major has continued the Tory tradition with another 11 knighthoods

knight of Patrick Duffy, the Nato stalwart, too. As a former whip, Mr Major is aware how useful honours can be as a tool of party management. Intriguingly, he has given a knighthood to Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, the Tiverton Tory said to have refused one under Mrs Thatcher. That leaves only Norman Mis-campbell, the retiring MP for

Blackpool North, as that rare

beast, a Tory MP known to

Mr Major has continued

have refused a knighthood.

even if he did make a Labour

the Thatcher practice of inknighthoods for Tory MPs in each new year and birthday honours list. Some collect their handles for long and worthy service. In general, knighthoods are not given to ministers and certainly not to those who have become privy counsellors, a distinction particularly prized among parliamentarians, not least because the Speaker gives them precedence in debates. But a favoured few acquire both distinctions, such as Rhodes Boyson, the individualistic

isters as well. Normally it is only senior or middle-rank ministers who become privy counsellors. Mrs Thatcher occasionally softened the blow of an ex-

right winger, and Peter Mor-

rison. Mrs Thatcher's former

PPS, both being former min-

with elevation to the Privy Council. But sometimes the distinction goes to a distinguished backbencher (Sir William Clark) or to a deputy speaker (Sir Paul Dean). Knighthoods are occasionally handed out as a consola-

which did not materialise

tion prize when ministers cease to be ministers without rising to cabinet level. Among those who come into that category are Sir Giles Shaw, Sir David Mitchell and Sir John Stanley. But in most cases they are a

reward for backbench slogthe stronger are your chances of collecting an honour. Mrs Thatcher worked through the previous intakes and was well into the 1974 intake of Tory MPs before she left. Only three Conservative

MPs who entered the House before 1970 are still neither ministers nor knights. But, apart from Mr Miscampbell, Peter Griffiths has broken Commons service and Sir Anthony Meyer is a baronet. Just 30 of those who entered the Commons between then and 1979 have yet to make it either to the front bench or to the palace. On this evidence, Tory MPs elected on April 9. if they stay in the Commons long, will have a 60 per cent chance of becoming a minister and a 72 per cent chance

of becoming a frontbencher pected promotion to cabinet or a knight.

Libel cash for Tory candidate

A Conservative MP is to receive £15,000 libel damages from his Labour rival over allegations in a leaflet about his links with Iraq. The two candidates, con-

testing the Hayes and Harlington seat in west London, settled the dispute at the doors of the High Court yesterday. John McDonnell, for Labour, agreed to pay the damages and £100,000 costs after apologising lawyers to Terry Dicks, the Tory candidate.

The offending allegations were published in January last year just before the allied offensive against Iraq in the Gulf War and were circulated in the constituency. Mr McDonnell said that

he would have to sell his home to meet the damages and costs. Mr Dicks said: "I am delighted my name has been cleared and that justice has

SNP attacks 'tartan Tories'

The Scottish National party launched its election cam-paign with a claim that Labour were no more than "tartan Tories" trying to please voters in the south of England and the City of London.

In contrast, the Scots could win independence within a matter of months if they voted for the nationalists. Alex Salmond, the SNP leader. said: "The SNP is fighting not just for political freedom for Scotland but for economic freedom for Scots.'

Office break-ins

A Scotland Yard enquiry into break-ins at Liberal Democrat offices has found no evidence of any political dirty tricks, the police have said.

Bookies' choice

The Tories are 8-11 favourites with William Hill to win the general election. Hill offers: Labour at even money, with the Liberal Democrats at 250-1; it offers 10-11 on the chances of a hung parliament.

Welsh claim

Welsh nationalists launched their campaign today with a claim that renewed Scottish demands for constitutional reform would benefit the devolution cause in Wales.

Agent quits

The ructions within the Winchester Conservative association took a new twist yesterday with a report that Pat Phillips. the party's local agent, had resigned in a huff after being rebuked for allowing an article by John Browne, the deselected MP, to be published.

Pressure groups join scramble

BY ALISON ROBERTS AND SIMON TAIT

FIVE pressure groups published their own manifestos yesterday in an attempt to influence politicians and mark out territory in a new government. Proposed reforms ranged from giving 16year-olds the vote to the introduction of a housing programme creating 250,000 new homes.

The Children's Legal Centre is fighting for wideranging rights for the under-18s. Its manifesto proposes greater participatory rights for children in the running of schools, provision of welfare benefits and housing rights for 16-year-olds. These children should also be given the vote, according to the manifesto - a radical reform already part of Liberal

Democrat policy. The Housing Association calls for one million new homes by the year 2000. Chris Baglinton, spokesman, said that the manifesto would draw political attention, but needed to attract money.

Pre-election priorities from the National Campaign for the Arts included large

LOBBIES changes in the national cur-

riculum to accommodate more arts subjects and a higher level of state investment in libraries. The group is stak-ing a claim to national lottery revenue and demanding that it be spent on theatres, the belief that The cultural life of a nation is as important as its health, defence or economy".

The campaign backed up its manifesto with a survey which showed that two thirds of candidates believed that the arts in their constituencies were facing financial difficul-ty. Only 20 per cent of Conservatives thought so, against 81 Labour and 64 Liberal Democrats.

Gingerbread, the association for lone parents. launched its manifesto with a representative from each parin attendance. Glenda Jackson for the Labour party spoke of her own experience

as a single parent. Mary Honeywell, chief ex-ecutive, said: "This election has shown that there is much more concern about people

government to take notice of what we think they should do for lone parents." The proposals included in-

creased and index-linked child benefit and better care and equal rights for children from one-parent families. The Civil Servants' Union

restore trade union rights to staff at GCHQ in Cheltenham, pledging a large recruit-ment drive. Hugh Lanning, spokesman, said: "During the election catopaign parlia-mentary candidates in constituencies across the country will be pressed to state their

Other lobbying groups have compiled lists of questions for members of the public to ask their local candidates. The World Wide Fund for Nature, which published its manifesto a month ago, has produced a quiz for prospective MPs, designed to establish green credentials.

Age Concern has done the same in an effort to ensure

living in poverty. We want the

relaunched the campaign to

older people have the information they need to vote.

of Tory MPs collected some kind of honour

hoods for Tory MPs, a factor, : Ieit, in Nis 1975 izil. In the second Wilson term there were only two knighthoods, one a Tory, and Jim Callaghan had little to do with the business of political honours, apart from the injoke of making left-winger

Judith Hart, never his favourite colleague, a dame in his resignation list. Having been overseas development minister, she called it a tribute to the Third World. Mrs Thatcher restored the tradition of political honours in all its finery, notably when she made viscounts of George Thomas (Lord Tonypandy) and of Willie Whitelaw (the one childless and the other a father of four daughters).

since the lady's departure,



Departing: Sir Geoffrey Howe, Margaret Thatcher and Sir Ian Gilmour

VOX POP by Peter Barnard

Superstar reappears — in his own good time

Anything Labour says about reducing people's taxes should be taken with a Chris Patten

the high-taxing party.

Kenneth Baker on the Liberal Democrat manifesto

money on Labour today. Bookmakers City Index on mak-ing Labour favourite for the first time in the election campaign

from my new budget.

John Smith

Every employee earning under £22,000 will gain

rooms do they come, sometimes with warning sometimes without. Yesterday's superstar arrived

with due warning but with only a vague hint from his campaign managers as to the precise hour. There-

Not that "Fisherman Jack" and

"Gardener Jack" were devoid of interest. These two turned out to be one, namely Dr Jack Cunningham. Labour's campaign boss, the man who is said to have attended a charm school only in order to shout ridicule through the windows.

We saw Jack in fishing gear and Jack in gardening gear, while the voice-over told us that these shots were part of Labour's public relations campaign. This is called having your cake and eating it: here's a bit of videotape while we wait for Sir Robin and, yes, we know it is a public relations stunt but we are Showing it anyway.

Once that was over, we poured some more tea, ready to toast Sir Robin. We got John Prescott. Labour's transport spokesman, among others, in an item about MPs clearing out their rooms at the Commons. Videotape of bookshelf, pair of hands clearing out same. Cut to Mr Prescott, who is asked if he expects to be back: "No, I'm going over to Marsham Street as

A'twas only a trail. Just before eight, he appeared to announce himself as "your humble servant" and to say that he would be with us at 8.30 or so, with a panel of elder statesmen "combining experience

I leave you to decide whether this is over-selling Norman Tebbit, Lord (formerly Woy) Jenkins and Denis Healey, not to mention which epi-thet applies to whom. One clue: The Wit of Norman Tebbit is but a slim volume. This panel is to gather on Breakfast News every Monday.

the campaign. Very good of them, but they might as well be Kermit the Frog. Edd the Duck and Fire-man Sam for all that the average viewer cares: Sir Robin is the main attraction. He is as he ever was: bow-tied, grumpy, twinkly, incisive: "Answer my question if you'd be so good."

Mr Healey, one-time savager of

dead sheep, was his sole equal:

Wednesday and Friday throughout

"You weren't listening, were you Robin: I said exactly the opposite." In which phrase Mr Healey summarised the entire election campaign, certainly the television one. "Balance" is the word: three weeks of one politician saying one thing followed by another saying exactly the opposite. In this context, Sir Robin Day and even Gardener Jack are welcome relief to the couch potato, whose only dictum

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CAMPAIGN QUOTES OF THE DAY Very often in opposition There will be no hole in my people who have no experilife. It is already full up with so many other things. Margaret Thatcheron her way to the Commons for the last time ence of government have a dominant role in making policy and when they get

into office they find that the

policies simply do not work.

The Tories found that with

Denis Healey on BBC Breakfast

Uniess Scots achieve in-

dependence at this election.

our steel industry will be

destroyed, the Highlands

turned into the world's

nuclear laundry, and we

will have no say in the vital

European decisions which

Margaret Ewing. SNP par-liamentary leader. at the SNP

campaign launch in Edinburgh

The first aim of the Liberal

Democrat manifesto is

clear - to break free from

the past and to change Britain for good.

Paddy Ashdown at the launch of the Liberal Democrat campaigh

will affect our future.

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lorry-load of Siberian salt. It is the economics of Disneyland and when it comes to taxes, they're now

We have taken a lot of

A vote for Sinn Fein is a vote for peace.

One of the privileges associated with being a member of the electorate is that every four or five years great men come before us to be judged. Yea even unto our living

fore it was necessary for those who wished to get a good seat to be spick and span by 6.30am, although we could be fairly sure the star would not precede the warm-up acts. We were right. Sir Robin Day appeared on BBC Breakfast News at just after 8.30. Until then, we had to be content with bit part players, much like sitting in the Hammersmith Odeon listening to one-chord merchants while waiting for the Rolling Stones to get out of bed.

secretary of state." Hope equals expectation minus experience. By the same token, perhaps Dr Cunningham is angling, so to speak, for t last we got Sir Robin. Alas,

and elegance, wit and wisdom".

can be: lie back and enjoy it.

Ashdown unveils charter for change

Party warns of a nation left behind

THE party manifesto does not promise good times around the corner, according to its preamble. "If you do not want Britain to stay the same then you probably won't like this manifesto," it asserts.

Britain has a clear choice at this election. We stay much as we are, in the same old muddle, with difficult decisions postponed.
"Our failure to adjust to the

real world will then become ever more serious. We will lag further behind in creating and sharing wealth. More and more people will lose their jobs and home. Our environment will go on dete-riorating. Our public services, already second rate, will become even worse.

We shall fail to be the best out of the European Community, because our leaders con-tinue to be afraid to tell us that shared success in the community means sharing sovereignty too. Our system of politics will continue to foster confrontation and short-term thinking, and exclude ordi-nary citizens from the business of government

The Liberal manifesto denounces, above all, Britain's voting system. Forty years of failure are the result not only of misjudged policies from both Conservative and Lab-our governments. Even more crucially, they are the product of an outdated political system which has consistently sacrificed the long term to the short term and abandoned

principles for expediency." On the economy, the Liberal Democrats say: know the free market is the best guarantee of responsiveness to choice and change. But we believe the market should be our servant not our master. So we see the role of government as crucial in making the market work properly, by creating the conditions for success, promoting competition, breaking up monopolies and spreading information. And govern-ment has to be ready to make the investments which private enterprise will not, whether in transport, education or public works." The Liberal Dem-

ocrats "uncompromisingly interna-tionalist. We have long been committed Europeans." The manifesto proposes key measures which the Liberal party

MANIFESTO PLEDGE

believes "must be taken straight away to break the cycle of Britain's decline".

□ "British political institutions need thoroughgoing re-form, stable and represent-ative government, elected parliaments in Scotland and Wales, decentralisation of power to the English regions and to local government, freedom of information and a Bill of Rights. We will introduce fair voting; votes by propor-tional representation for Parliamentary elections."

"The economy needs new impetus not a tax cut. We will immediately introduce an emergency programme of investment in the infrastructure and in public works in order to get companies and people back to work, thus reducing unemployment by 600,000 over the next two years.

☐ "Lower inflation and a stable climate for industry to plan and prosper will lead to long term prosperity. We will give the Bank of England long term responsibility for monetary policy, with a requirement to promote price stability. We will put the pound into the narrow band of the European Exchange Mechanism.

☐ "Environmental priorities must be built into all economic decision making, ensuring that economic success goes hand in hand with environmental responsibility.

☐ "The skills and capabilties of the British people must be adequate to meet the chal-lenges of the new century. We will increase investment in education by £2 billion, funding this by an increase of 1p on income tax.

"Older people deserve greater security. We will pro-tect private pensions, and in-crease the basic state pension, making it payable as of right without means testing. ☐ "Britain's future must be safeguarded by active mem-bership of a European Community which is united and cisions are taken as closely to the people as possible. We will



Eye to eye: Paddy Ashdown (right) and Des Wilson, Lib Dem campaign director, conferring at the manifesto launch yesterday

Investment 'will create 600,000 jobs'

THE Liberal Democrat manifesto promises a 600,000 cut in unemployment over two years through an emergency programme of investment to end the recession.

The manifesto says the new impetus the economy needs will only be achieved through new investment. "But Liberal Democrats also recognise Britain's long term needs. We are committed to the free market, to free trade and to the creation of a competitive and enterprising economy. We do not believe it is government's job to run business -people do that much better.

"Our long term aim is to shift the burden of taxation away from the things the country needs more of - in-come, savings and value added - and on to the things we want less of, such as pollution

Liberal Democrats will introduce an emergency programme of investment to end the slump. A major programme of public capital investment will be funded by take decisive steps towards reversing the Conservatives the economic and monetary tax cut together with a pru-dent increase in borrowing. union of a democratic

ECONOMY

This, combined with a freeze in investment rates and new investment in education to increase the nation's skills. will kick-start recovery and create jobs. ☐ The party will reduce un-

employment by at least 600,000 over two years through its emergency investment programme. Spending will be increased on public transport, housing, hospitals and schools, on energy efficiency and conservation projects and on education and

Support will be provided for transport infrastructure. including a dedicated high-speed rail link from the Channel tunnel to connect with the major routes to the north and west, and the extension of electrification throughout the country. The expansion of airports outside the southeast will be encouraged. ☐ Business rates will be

☐ A training incentive will be created for firms through the introduction of a levy equal to 2 per cent of payroll, from

which they would deduct their expenditure on training. The Liberal Democrats say: "We will require employers to release their employees aged under 19 for a minimum of two days a week further education and/or training for na-

tionally recognised qualifications." On investment in local economies, the party says: We will set up and fund new local enterprise agencies." ☐ Investment in research will see an immediate increase in

the government's science budget to 0.35 per cent of GDP. A climate of enterprise and competition is vital if British industry and products are to compete effectively in

The Liberal Democrats ☐ Stimulate competition,

taking tough action against monopolies, mergers and financial raids. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission will be combined with the Office of Fair Trading and made independent of government. A Restrictive Practices Act will be introduced to penalise anti-com-petitive behaviour and end price-fixing by cartels.

☐ Break up the monopoly providers of services such as

British Telecom and British Gas and permit access by private operators to the British Rail track network. The coal industry will be liberalised by transferring ownership of coal reserves to the Crown and issuing licences to operate the pits. ☐ Promote consumer rights through greater powers for watchdogs and trading stan-

dards officers. ☐ Encourage decentralised wage bargaining through plans to spread employee

The Liberal Democrats say: Government needs to provide an immediate impetus to get the economy moving. But long-term private investment in the production of highquality tradeable goods and services is essential for longterm success. "This will only be possible if

we encourage a climate of investment, enterprise and The party would:

☐ Reform taxation to increase investment. ☐ Encourage a long term approach to private investment, reversing the burden of proof

for acquisitions away from the target company towards the predator and requiring companies to ballot their shareholders on bid plans. ☐ Encourage small businesses and the self-employed. This will include relieving the administrative burden on small businesses, legislating to make interest payable on

overdue debt. ☐ Encourage flexibility in working patterns, including part-time and flexi-time ☐ Legislate to establish the

right of employee share own-

ership in his company. To create long-term pros-perity, an operationally inde-pendent Bank of England will be established, sterling will be moved to the narrow band of the European Exchange Rate Mechanism. and a savings target set for the nation. A draft budget will be published four months before the final version to promote discussion of policy.

Polluters will have to pay a high price

BRITAIN will become a lead er and not a laggard in facing the environmental challenge with penalties for the polluters and rewards for the conservers, according to a pledge in the Liberal Democrats

Taxation would also be shifted from the things people want more of, such as income and savings, to those people want less of such as pollution and depletion of resources. The main aim is to build a society which does not create

ENVIRONMENT

wealth at the expense of the environment.

Protecting Britain's heritage would be achieved with countryside protection poli-cies for national parks, heritage coasts, areas of outstanding natural beauty and sites of special scientific interest. More national parks would be created.

Agreements to manage the countryside would be encouraged between landowners and local authorities. Planning laws would be altered to protect the natural environment. In the cities, public transport would be improved and pedestrian and cycling schemes promoted to reduce traffic conjestion.
The party would promote

better management of waste with grants for recycling schemes and regulations on the use of packaging materi-

An animal protection commission would enforce and recommend changes in the law to improve standards of animal protection. Unacceptable forms of factory farming and battery cages would be phased out and a dog registration scheme would be introduced, while experiments on live animals would be restricted. Hunting with hounds, while opposed, is considered a matter for individual MPs.

The party promises a 30 per cent cut in carbon dioxide issions by 2005 and a ban on CFCs and halons by 1994. Factories and power stations would have licences setting a ceiling on emission of

The party would support a community wide energy tax related to the levels of carbon dioxide emitted, and invest in energy conservation and efficiency setting standards for all homes offices and factories. Nuclear power stations would be phased out.

Education system could be world class by year 2000

A WORLD class education system would be established in Britain by the year 2000 under proposals aimed at raising educational standards and putting education at the heart of the

The first of these goals would be achieved by creating a single department of education and training. A national qualifications council would be set up to coordinate a single system of academic and vocational courses for 14 to 19-yearolds, and a new higher educa-tion standards council.

A fully independent education and training inspectorate would report on the entire range of public and private provision from pre-school education to universities.

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quired to guarantee a suitable place, with proper support, for every child in education and training up to the age of scheme for independent schools would be phased out without affecting those already in it and the money saved would be turned over to state schools.

Two years pre-school edu-

national curriculum would develop out of a modular Authorities would be re-

cation would be guaranteed for every child with a choice of provision. Every pupil would get a national record of achievement to document their progress, replacing the current standard assessment tasks. Class sizes would be reduced to a maximum of 30.

A simpler, more flexible

credit-based course and examination structure for 14 to 19-year-olds, who would all have personal tutors and careers advice. All 16 to 19year-olds in work would be given the equivalent of two days a week education or

training. Every local education authority would run a special education-needs service with its own budget. Every citizen would be entitled to training or education at a time of their choice during their adult

The number of students in higher education would be increased to two million by the year 2000. Courses would be made more flexible with the availability of a diploma after the equivalent of two years and the option of a further year or two leading to

a degree. Guarantees on high-quality health care would be ensured by annual real increases in Ith service funding with increased spending in priority areas, including health promotion and the removal of charges for dental and eye

Decent affordable housing in both the private and public sectors would be encouraged by the introduction of housing cost relief, weighted to wards those most in need and available to house buyers and renters. This would replace mortgage tax relief for future home buyers. House building and reno-

vation would be boosted by relaxing controls on local authority capital receipts, especially for new council building.

private sectors. Income support would be paid to claimants in advance to try to reduce homelessness.

Crime statistics would be reduced by creating safer communities with the help of local authorities, putting more police officers on the beat and reforming the criminal justice system to increase public confidence. Conditions inside prisons would be radically reformed.

Changes in the tax and social security system would include immediate improvements in child benefit, income support and the abolition of the minimum poll tax level. State pensions would be increased and a comprehensive disability income scheme introduced.

Ashdown pledges PR, Lords reform and bill of rights

THE central slogan of the Liberal Democrat manifesto commitments on the nation's not subjecthood". Proportional representation, a fixed four-year parliamentary term and reform of the Lords are

Other pledges include home rule for Scotland and Wales, local government re-forms, a bill of rights and a written constitution.

The first-past-the-post sys-tem is attacked as unfair, unstable and divisive. Proportional representation (PR), or fair voting as it is described in the document, would remove the present system and make government by a minority of elected members an impossibility. PR would be introduced at local, national and European levels. The manifesto proposes a single transferable vote, by which electors cast their votes in multi-member constituencies based on natural communitie

Parliaments would be fixed at four years with a pre-select-ed date for the next election except in the even of an explicit vote of no confidence in the government.

The House of Lords would be retained, but as an elected senate in the main with the power to delay legislation other than money bills for up to two years. Commons select commit-

tees would have greater powers and backbench and opposition members would receive increased financial and civil service support. The quality of legislation would be improved by establishing prelegislative committees and better scrutiny of delegated legislation. Debates would be improved by allocating time for business more fairly. timetabling committee ses-sions of bills and ending Parliament's late-night sittings. As part of its provisions for

CONSTITUTION People" the manifesto

pledges the introduction of home rule for Scotland and Wales with the immediate creation of a Scottish parliament and Welsh senedd. Local government would get greater independence and

regional governments would be set up throughout Eng-land with a strategic author-ity for London. Powers for economic development, housing, health, social services, roads, planning and public transport would be decentralised to those bodies.

Strengthening local gov-ernment would include the abolition of the poll tax, cancellation of the incoming council tax and the introduction of a local income tax collected by the Inland Revenue. The uniform business rate would be replaced with site value rating based on land values (with exemption for agricultural land and domestic properties).

Local government will be reformed with the main local councils reshaped into a unitary system based on natural communities and the wishes of local people. The authorities will have greater responsibilities over education, health and planning. Authorities will be given a "general power of competence" that will allow them to carry out any local action that does not duplicate the work of other public bodies or break the law.

The formation of a full network of community, parish, town or neighbourhood councils will ensure that local government is brought nearer to the people. All tiers of regional and local govern-ment will publish a "Charter of Services" giving citizens clear rights to standards of service, and remedies if they are not met.

Under the heading of en-"Bringing power to the suring citizens' rights and op-

portunities, the document pledges the introduction of a freedom of information Act placing responsiblity on govemment and other authorities to justify secrecy. Trade union bans such as the one at GCHQ would be reversed and legislation would be introduced to give indviduals access to their personal files held by public or private

A bill of rights would be introduced as the end of a process beginning with the immediate incorporation of the European convention on human rights into United Kingdom law. A commission would help people to bring proceedings under the bill and recommend changes to existing law.

The bill, when introduced, will guarantee effective pro-tection against discrimation on the grounds of gender, race, age, disability, religion or sexual orientation.

Women will get a better deal in the Commons under manifesto proposals for PR and improved parliamentary conditions. Government appointments will be geared to feature a fair representation of women on public bodies.

A justice ministry will be established to separate re-sponsibility for civil liberties and justice from that for order and security. Judges will be appointed by a judicial services commission.

A written constituion. based on the proposed bill of rights, will be adopted and enforced by a supreme court. On Northern Ireland, the manifesto says that Unionist and nationalist traditions are valid and legitimate. The Anglo-Irish agreement would be maintained until cross-party talks produced an improved agreement to replace it. The 'Diplock courts' would be reformed so that three judges would preside over non-jury

European federalism sought as the way forward

A FULLY integrated Europe with shared sovereignty and pooled power is essential if the Liberal Democrats are to achieve their other goals.

Claiming the ground as the most pro-European of the three main parties, their manifesto demands economic and monetary union and a single currency. They maintain that such an arrangement will promote their aims for the economy, the environment and for national security. They believe they can create a "citizens' Europe in which power lies as close to

the citizen as possible". The party promises to cancel the opt-out clauses negotiated at Maastricht, which are seen as leaving Britain trailing far behind the rest of Europe. As a "full and enthusiastic member of Europe they would use Britain's sixmonth tenure of the presidency of the EC's Council of Ministers to tackle a series of tasks — "building a prosper-ous and integrated economy;

correcting the democratic deficit, making Europe work for its citizens, not its institutions; widening the community's membership; and helping to create a peaceful and stable world order."

The manifesto outlines a new Europe as a federal community. "For us, federalism means decentralisation; passing powers down more than passing them up." Setting up regional parliaments for Scotland, England and Wales would go hand in hand with such a practice.

Priorities include the creation of an independent European central bank and a single currrency, renouncing Britain's opt-out of the social charter and the setting up of minimum standards of health and safety and employee rights, while leaving individual governments to decide how to meet them. There would also be reform of the common agricultural pol-

icy "from inefficient price support mechanism to market prices and direct support for farmers' incomes".

At present the Lib-Dems believe the EC structure gives too much weight to the Council of Ministers at the expense of both the European parliament and, to them, more importantly, the individual. "Further moves to European union, and enlargement. must depend on the institutions of the EC becoming truly democratic." To that end they propose that there is a clear definition of the rights of the European citizen.

They also wish to see the introduction of proportional representation for the 1994 British elections to the European parliament. "The British citizen must no longer be denied the fair voting systems enjoyed by the citizens of every other European country."

They also wish to invest in

the European parliament the

power to confirm or deny the

council's nominee as presi-

dent of the commission, and exercise the same power over the choice of commissioners.

When passing law, the council should meet in public and the party would argue to extend majority voting in the council to cover all areas of policy other than constitutional and crucial security matters. Scrutiny of ministers' actions in Europe would be provided by a new Europe committee of the House of Commons, with a similar role for the House of Lords as reformed by the Lib-Dems.

New member countries would be encouraged and welcomed; firstly members of the European Free Trade Association and then, when ready, the new democracies of Central and Eastern Europe. The manifesto outlines how

the Gulf war illustrated the

need for stronger and more

effective world institutions ca-

nable of upholding interna-

tional law. "Britain must

ensure that the community

plays a pivotal role in the

construction of a new security order in Europe following the democratisation of Eastern and Central Europe." A common approach to defence procurement with the

gradual integration of the member nations' armed forces under joint military command would be the aim, with the cost of collective security shared more equally. Reform in Eastern and Central Europe would be promoted by generous economic assistance, and would provide the Commonwealth of Independent States with military resources to shift food and supplies and the technical assistance to dismantle nuclear

A minimum independent nuclear deterrent would be retained, but they believe the increase of firepower represented by Trident to be "unnecessary and unhelpful", and would restrict the warheads to no more than that currently deployed on the Po-

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Poland's man of the people rejects West's economic cures



Walesa: spurns label

WESTERN policy towards Central and Eastern Europe is on the wrong track, according to President Walesa of Poland. He told The Times that the West prescribed rigid and unrealistic programmes for the broken economies of

the East. Mr Walesa also attacked the West for pigeon-holing him and President Yeltsin of Russia as authoritarian politicians. His sensitivity to criticism is partly due to the difficult choices facing Poland and the rest of the old Soviet bloc. In Poland, there is a clear split between those politicians who want to push hard with a Thatcher-style plan for a fully-fledged market, and those (including Jan Olszewski, the prime minister) who want a "Christian social market economy", with protection for domestic manare right." The president, ufacturers and farmers.

President Walesa, in an interview with Roger Boyes in Warsaw, accuses the West of an unrealistic view of the route from communism to a market economy

The first course, favoured by the International Monetary Fund and other Western lenders, would, it seems, require a form of benign authoritarian leadership. The second, softer option carries the risk of hyperinflation as money is pumped into the economy. "We are not doing a U-turn," Mr Walesa said at the Belvedere palace, his official residence. "But neither do we want all sorts of trash flowing into our country from the West. We want to produce things ourselves. If the West understands this as discarding market reform, then they

who at first supported shocktherapy reforms, now appears more reconciled to the government programme.

The government wants to boost exports and investment, but also release more money into the economy to encourage small and medium-sized business. Mr Walesa said: "In the West too many things are being made and too few are being bought. In the postcommunist societies, production must not be limited but rather expanded."

The IMF had got it wrong. If Poland seemed to be in a state of drift it was "because the programme suggested by

Polish solutions and needs. create a sentiment for reform It's simply incorrect". among ordinary people. He

sometimes a planner, and

sometimes somebody who puts the actual bricks into

place." It was thus premature

to talk about the traditional

division of governing and les-

islative powers in the East.

Mr Walesa argued that the has called for a referendum West should be more imagion presidential powers and native in its approach to the has been making a whirlwind post-communist societies. For tour of Polish newspaper ofexample, both he and Mr fices to ensure that journalists Yeltsin were frequently called are on his side. The aim is to authoritarian by Western jump over the heads of parliacommentators. That, said Mr ment - the government is Walesa, was a fundamental shaky and, six months after misunderstanding. "Both the elections, has yet to Yeltsin and myself have to say present a budget - and to mobilise the Poles. tough words to our executives," he admitted. But in a Mr Walesa believes that the society in flux there was also a political class is out of touch confusion of roles, "You in with the feelings of ordinary England have inherited a syscitizens. Mr Walesa emphasised: "This is not demagogy tem but we're in the course of building ours. A builder is or populism. But dangerous

> spots are emerging. There is a dissonance between the politicians, who are trying to make grand politics, and the grass roots."

Mr Walesa's priority is to

The president's role in Eastern Europe is not the

Western democracy. Instead he has to serve as a bridge between ordinary people and the rather narrow political class. That meant throwing democratic protocol overboard. "During a revolution we have to look only at the problems to be solved, and for the best solutions."

Mr Walesa's popularity, according to some surveys, has even fallen below that of General Januzelski, the architect of martial law. And the party politicians are now suspicious of Mr Walesa. "I'm exposed to the anger of all those who want things to stay as they are, in a state of stagnation," he said, a trifle sadly. "But it's necessary - I have to do even more than my job assumes and that does not make me new friends. That's not the point the point is not new friends, but new solutions."



Olszewski: government has not set a budget

Yeltsin aide sounds civil war warning

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

ONE of President Yeltsin's most trusted advisers, Sergei Shakhray, a deputy prime minister, gave a warning yesterday that hardliners' plans to reconvene the former Soviet parliament near Moscow today offered the "classic scenario" for civil war. He was speaking shortly after organisers of the outlawed congress had insisted that they were proceeding, despite the Russian Federation's ban, and promised buses to take

reporters to the secret venue. Mr Shakhray told a press conference in Moscow that the present balance of forces across Russia was such "that a springboard exists for one or other political force to return to power". Around half of all local authorities across Russia, he said, had the same leaders as before the August coup, all of whom would interpret a success for hardliners in Moscow as a signal that their cause could still be won. Any attempt to

form "parallel organs of power". he said, was fraught with great danger. "Heaven forbid this congress becomes the catalyst for civil war."

Arkadi Murashev, the head of the Moscow police, said several thousand interior ministry troops would be stationed in the centre of Moscow as "reserves on whom the regular police could call for help in extreme necessity". The Kremlin wuld be cordoned off by police from early morning. The demonstration

Mr Shakhray's warning was echoed by Yelena Bon-ner, widow of the human rights campaigner, Andrei Sakharov. Speaking on Moscow radio yesterday morning. she appealed to Russians not to attend today's legal evening demonstration, called to support the illegal congress. The organisers, she said, would interpret a big turnout as evidence that they could

in Helsinki next week. Arme-

nia and Azerbaijan are mem-

bers of the 48-nation

conference. Western Europe-

an nations are unlikely to

sanction any CSCE peace-

keeping force, but are eager to send monitors who can

Britain has pulled back from

its earlier support for media-

tion by the Russians and for a

strong CIS presence.

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

AND ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV

Alongside these warnings, which crowned more than a week of near-panic by the authorities, evidence mounted that the congress was already running into the sand. Sazhi Umulatova, the spokeswoman for the organisers, admitted at a chaotic press conference that only 100 - of a possible 2,250 — former Soviet deputies had so far registered for the congress. Earlier, the group had boasted of more than 1,400 showing an interest.
The press conference, held

in the foyer of the central Moskva hotel, was not prevented by police, but not assisted either. There were no microphones and no chairs. Attempts to rent a hall had failed. Unconfirmed reports said that would-be delegates were to be accommodated at a sanatorium at Klyazma, outside Moscow, but that the director had refused to give them a meeting hall.

Ms Umulatova said, with a measure of desperation, that the congress would proceed, even if it had to be held in the streets". The provisional agenda included "the situation in the country and mea-

With her at yesterday's press conference were Generreport ceasefire violations. al Albert Makashov, former commander of the Volga military region, who was retired after the August coup, and Yuri Golik, head of ex-President Gorbachev's law and

Meanwhile, Moldavia's ultimatum to Russian rebels within the republic to disarm themselves and return guns stolen from commonwealth military bases ends today. President Kravchuk of Ukraine is expected to issue a decree today ordering the disarming of all unofficial Cossack groups bound for Moldavia.

Yesterday, the former commander of commonwealth forces in Moldavia was kidnapped by Russian extremists from the self-proclaimed republic of Transdnestr, according to reports received by military officers. The 14th Army is the subject of a tugof-war between Moldavia Transdnestr and Ukraine.

Pressure grows for peace in Karabakh

sures to solve the crisis" and organisational questions. Backtracking considerably from a statement she made a week ago about "restoring legality in the country", she or form "alternative structures". If there was no quorum, she said, the group could form the nucleus of a new party to "start the fight to gain power legally".

order committee.

In a separate development, it was learnt that finance ministers of the European Community have imposed strict repayment conditions on an £875 million loan split among the former Soviet republics, with the sanction of suing the republics to get the money back not ruled out. Russia, which according to

European Commission estimates may face a financing gap of more than E18 billion by next year, had been pressing for "sovereign immunity in the event of not being able to repay the nearly £350 million it will receive.

Peter Stothard, page 14



Secret orders: Sazhi Umalatova, chairman of the committee organising the clandestine meeting of the banned "congress of Soviet deputies", answering journalists' questions at a Moscow hotel. She claimed that 1.470 former Soviet deputies wanted to take part

Greece denies atrocities on frontier with Albania

FROM JAMES PETTIFER IN KORCE, ALBANIA AND CHRIS ELIOU IN ATHENS

THE political atmosphere in the Albanian border city of said there would be no at- Korce is dominated by a rapwith Greece after allegations of frontier atrocities and human rights violations.

Two Albanians were killed on Sunday in separate clashes between would-be Albanian refugees and Greek patrois on two parts of the border. The defence ministry in Athens said one man died after a warning shot ricocheted, and a second was fatally wounded when he tried to grab the weapon of a

Greek policeman. Greece argues that claims of atrocities are part of propaganda generated by the cam-paign for this coming weekend's multi-party general elections in Albania. But passions were aroused in Korce by the earlier violent border deaths of two local men, Elmas Bushi and Pellumb Lala. Both were returning home after working in Greece. The post mortem at Korce hospital by Dr Eriko Treblka, the chief pathologist, appeared to confirm Albanian government alleg-

bayonet or knife wounds. In Tirana, Dr Emil Azduriane, an internationally

ations that the men died from

GREECE

respected surgeon, confirmed that a number of seriously injured Albanian migrant workers returning from Greece had been treated in his hospital. He expressed particular concern over the case of Guri Jemin, from Currush, treated for serious burns after Greek soldiers were alleged to have poured a chemical over his upper body and ignited it.

Emmanuel Kalamidas, the Greek foreign ministry there had been several skirmishes involving Greek patrols and would-be Albanian refugees, the ministry had no information about any bayonetting or infliction of burns on refugees.
Greek sources said that a

been burnt by a chemical substance was in fact suffer-ing from " purulent eczema". The incident had been "staged" by the Albanian

secret police. Dr Sali Berisha, the main Albanian opposition leader, told a rally in Korce last week that if his Democratic party won the elections on Sunday, Albania will become part of Europe, and those doors will no longer be closed to Albanians". If Dr Berisha achieves victory, relations with Greece are likely to prove difficult.

The political party of the 200,000 strong Greek mi-nority in Albania, Omonia, has been banned from the election. Although Tirana had originally banned Omonia, following pressure from the European Community, the Albanians agreed to allow ethnic Greeks to field candidates under the banner of the "United Human Rights party". Omonia won five seats in Albania's first multiparty polls last March, indirectly confirming the Greek contention of the size of the Greek minority population in Albania.

James Pettifer will present Eurofile on Albania on BBC man who was alleged to have Radio 4 on Saturday.

by Alexis Anjou Romanoff

Dolgorukov Nemanjic, a

living in Spain. He recently

caused a sensation in the

Serbian press by claiming

on voters to halt rise of Le Pen

FRANCE's chief rabbi vester day urged voters to stop the advance of Jean-Marie Le Pen in the regional elections on Sunday, describing the extreme right-wing leader as a threat to the nation.

We must ring the alarm bell. It is our duty," Rabbi Joseph Sitruk told a French Jewish radio station, in a break with the tradition of staying out of politics. "Le Pen's ideology is dangerous for the nation and one must be extremely vigilant ... I would like the collective consciousness to wake up," he

M Le Pen's National Front which has tough anti-immigration and law-and-order policies, is forecast to win some 15 per cent of the vote. He plans to run in a presiden election scheduled for 1995. His critics call him a racist, and several of his rail lies in the current election campaign have been marked by violent protests.

Mgr Albert Decourtray, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Lyons, France's second city, last night appealed to voters not to abstain. He said the country "was heading into an adventure which could lead to the rise of some new Hitler".

• Noumea: Alcohol and high unemployment among young New Caledonians have been largely blamed for a weekend of violence in which 200 Melanesian youths looted shops and set fire to a shopping centre in Noumea, the capital

The authorities of the French territory have blamed the riot on alcohol abuse, with police saying that every week-end they find themselves confronted with acts of violence when bars and night clubs close. Often they are called to halt fights and accompany youths back to their homes in a semi-comatose condition because of excess drinking or

smoking of marijuana. To overcome this problem Jacques Latleur, the president of New Caledonia's South Province, suggested shutting all establishments which served alcohol to youths. However he denied that social problems could lie behind the violence, (AFP)

Rabbi calls | Hope ebbs for finding new quake survivors

little hope of finding more survivors from the powerful earthquake which hit this eastern Turkish town last Friday. Officials said 376 bodies had been recovered since the quake, measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale, and 688 people had been injured.

"Under these conditions there is little hope of survival after three days," said Rami Eren, the Turkish-born director of a Swiss disaster relief team. Freezing temperatures in Erzincan had reduced the possibility that people trapped under collapsed buildings might survive for up to five days.
"There is still hope (of find-

ing survivors) although it is lessening every day. We must be quick," a rescue worker from the British-based International Rescue Corps said. A new tremor measuring 6.0 shook Erzincan again on Sunday and damaged buildings in the region. (Reuter)

Iran 'threat'

Boan: Germany's secret service believes Iran has acquired two nuclear warheads from Kazakhstan, according to Stern magazine. The report was promptly denied by the Russian defence ministry. and Kazakhstan described it as a "silly rumour".

Taboo broken Rome: Bettino Craxi, the Italian Socialist leader, has

broken a political taboo going back to the fall of fascism by making an election issue of the fact that Italian women are having fewer children than others in Europe.

Israeli denial

Jerusalem: Yitzhak Shamir denied that Israel had violated America's trust by transferring US weapons tech-nology to China and other Third World countries, dismissing such reports as "plots against the Jewish state".

Live audience

Paris: A knife-wielding intruder, who threatened to slit his throat, burst into a live programme on French television and delivered a tirade against Lionel Jospin, the education minister, and his university reforms. (Reuter)

AZERBAIJAN

that it had brokered a draft

ceasefire in Nagorno-Kara-

bakh. Armenian and Azer-

baijani leaders said yesterday

they would meet in Kiev on

Thursday for talks on the

Armenia said he had agreed

to meet President Mamedov.

the new Azerbaijani leader,

on the eve of a summit of all

It leaders of the Comman-

wealth of Independent States.

President Ter-Petrosyan of

dispute.

Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian foreign minister, announced on Sunday that agreement had been reached in Tehran for a ceasefire, an exchange of prisoners of war and the lifting of economic blockades. He said there was a good chance for a lasting ceasefire and honourable peace if the three agreements implemented simultaneously.

Armenian fighters shelled more than 20 Azerbaijani villages on Sunday night, however, as the battle for control of the enclave showed no signs of abating. The Azerbaijani city of Agdam was hit, as were villages in the central, south-west and northern regions. An Azerbaijani spokesman said communications with the Azerbaijani city of Shusha were cut, and Armenian armoured vehicles blocked the road yesterday morning.

Cyrus Vance, the United Nations special envoy, arrives in the disputed enclave today after a stop-over in Geneva. Britain and other European countries, impressed by his work as a mediator in Yugoslavia, are giving strong backing to his attempt to stop the conflict spreading, but are eager that it should dovetail with the mediation efforts of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe. The conflict will be a main issue at the opening of the full

Serbian royals feud over who should be king

FROM DESSA TREVISAN AND TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

AS THE war with Croatia draws to a close, Serbia is trying to sort out its future, but recent political debate has become bogged down in a bizarre conflict over the restoration of the monarchy involving a feuding royal family and a row over the whereabouts of the head of King Lazar, who died fight-

ing the Turks in 1389. Vuk Draskovic, the leader of Serbia's largest opposi-tion party, told a cheering rally last week that Crown Prince Alexander was soon to return to the land of his forefathers and would duly be crowned. Alexander Karadjordjevic, a London insurance broker who was born in a suite in Claridges in 1947. has appointed a crown council to advise him on how best to proceed, but its competence has been thrown into doubt. As anti-government

students blocked one of Belgrade's main streets last week, he sent a message of support saying "You are not alone." When nobody else joined the protest it col-

Yugoslavia's communists



Tomislav: has not yet declared an interest

declared the country a republic in 1947, but a strong royalist vein still runs deep in Serbia, the homeland of the Karadjordjevics. Belgrade's ruling socialists are no closet monarchists but nor are they politically inept.



Alexander: born in a suite at Claridges

for his uncle, Prince Tomislav. Although, unlike his nephew, he has not yet said that he is in the running for the throne, he was recently given the seal of approval by Vojislav Seselj, leader of one of Serbia's most extreme but influential nationalist parties. Also unlike his nephew, Prince Tomislav, a former apple farmer in England. speaks Serbo-Cmat. The Karadjordjevic family rift has opened all sorts of speculation about the fu-

After the tumultuous recep-

tion given to Alexander

when he visited Serbia last

October, the government

has rolled out the red carpet

ture. Mihajlo Mladenovic, a monarchist politician, suggested that Serbs might elect their king after an open competition. If the Serbian royals ever go on the hustings they may well be joined

that King Lazar's head was buried in Istanbul in the same tomb as Sultan Murat. his enemy. This provoked a ferocious denial from the church, which claims to have the head under its pro-Serbia's restoration dehate has become ever more pressing as opposition parties clamour for the resigna-

tion of President Milosevic. However, as Slobodan Inic. a respected commentator. pointed out: "Every day we see that Milosevic is losing strength, but we also see that the opposition is catastrophically weak. It is so weak that it needs a king in order to get to power."

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South Africa's day of destiny

Polluters' De Klerk gambles on will have white common sense

FROM GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

WHITE voters in South Africa are today determining ry the day. their country's fate in a referendum asking them to endorse or reject President de Klerk's reform process. The issue is deceptively simple: are whites prepared to relinquish their hold on power and grant full political rights to a black majority that outnum- the result either way.

bers them five to one? Mr de Klerk is confident he has convinced voters that their only option is powersharing, linked to constitutional safeguards for minorities. Andries Treurnicht, the right-wing Conservative party leader, is equally optimistic

into race-based states will car-

The truth is that neither man can anticipate victory with any degree of certainty. Independent analysts predict a slender majority in favour of reform, but add that floating votes in English-speaking constituencies could swing

Stoffel van der Merwe, the National party secretary-general, said he believed wavering voters were returning to the government. "Common sense will win the day," he

Koos van der Merwe, of the Conservative party, said de-fections from the government

Galaxy of sports stars back reform

BY GAVIN BELL

national sport."

In a message on radio, the

Africa's best hopes for Olympic gold, says: "Give South

Africa a sporting chance.

ional cricket captain, said:

To vote 'no' means no inter-

Bruce Fordyce, ultra-mara-

weekly newspaper column to

an impassioned appeal for reform: "I can't believe that

there can be one sportsman

or woman who would con-

template a 'no' vote ... just think of those lonely, bleak

years of isolation; the demon-

strators bounding our teams.

flour bombs dropped on our

rugby Springboks, the can-celled tours.

However, Zola Pieterse

(Budd) says she is happy at

the prospect of running in Barcelona, but that she is

Clive Rice, the former nat-

SOUTH African sports fans who vote against political reforms in today's referendum have been warned that a "no" majority could bowl their cricket team out of the World Cup. They have also been made aware that defeat for President de Klerk would spike their athletes' chances of participating in the Barceiona Olympics, and that their national rugby squad could probably stop dreaming of playing at Twickenham.

Setting aside their distaste national sport, no invist-ment, no nothing." The high-flying Transyaal rugby. for mixing politics with sport, a galaxy of sports stars has rallied around Mr de Klerk by urging white voters to supsquad assembled for a newsport his reform process. In paper photograph holding National party placards urg-ing a "yes" vote this sports-mad country, long deprived of international competition, it is a powerful thon superstar, devoted his

Geoff Dakin, president of the now united cricket board, sent shockwaves around the country by announcing that he would be compelled to withdraw the South African team from the World Cup in the face of a "no" vote. Al-though the World Cup committee had assured him that it would not interfere, certain countries might refuse to play against South Africa in the

semi-finals, he said. "If these countries refuse to ourable way out is to with- unwilling to make political draw," he said. "It will be one statements.

Challen

Player: "Change is the

price of survival"

Thais hit

back at

Burmese

FROM REUTER

IN BANGKOK

THAI jet fighters were or-

dered yesterday to attack any Burmese aircraft that crossed

into Thai airspace in pursuit

artillery had opened fire over

the weekend to repel 200

Burmese infantrymen who

had crossed the border to

attack a Karen base from the

rear. A dozen Burmese sol-

diers are believed to have

been killed by Thai artillery

and mortars during the week-

end bombardment; six bodies

were found on Sunday when

Colonel Niphan Sirpaibul,

commander of a task force

responsible for border sec-

urity, said: "The army has

ordered the immediate retali-

ation by fighter plane for any [aerial] violation of Thai terri-

tory." Colonel Niphan said

the Burmese had urged the

Thai army to pull back from

the border to avoid casualties

when Burmese planes at-

tacked Kaw Moo Ra, the

Karen base four miles from

Karen headquarters at Man-

erplaw, 90 miles to the north.

have come under heavy

ground attack in recent days.

with the strategic Sleeping Dog Hill falling to Rangoon.

Kaw Moo Ra and the

the Thai town of Mae Sot.

Thai troops moved in.

Thai officers also said their

of Karen guerrillas.



Meyer: brightest hope for Olympic gold

were holding steady. He claimed that canvasses had assured his party of 52 per

cent of the vote. But James Selfe, communications director of the liberal Democratic party, is not so national canvassing of voters on which firm predictions may be based," he said.

More than three million whites are eligible to vote in 15 regions and the turnout is regarded as critical. The general assumption is that a high poll would favour the Nat-

The important battlegrounds are Pretoria and Johannesburg, which together account for a third of the white electorate. All three parties expect Pretoria to vote "no", and Johannesburg to vote "yes", but the size of the majorities or any swing could determine the overall result. Party leaders concluded

their campaigns with open letters in a Johannesburg newspaper yesterday. Describing the referendum as a of the saddest days in my life after spending 15 years try-ing to get us back into inter-"date with destiny", Mr de Klerk said: "Two short years of pelorm have shown that South Africans are able to live golfer Gary Player said: "Change is the price of surfive al." Elena Meyer, the sailing a surfive champion and one of South and work together for the common good — that it is possible to negotiane a consti-fution that is fair to all and acceptable to the vast majority ... that is our highway of

hope. Let us take it."
Dr Treurnicht, dubbed "Dr No" for his uncompromising opposition to the reform process, said: "A rushed yes' vote is a blank cheque for a government you know you can't trust. Don't waste your last chance. There is no going back from ANC rule. Vote 'no' and keep your options

Zach de Beer, of the Democratic party, said: "What is at stake is whether we South Africans are going to work together in peace, or whether we are going to fight each other in racial conflict. You can save your country by voting 'yes', or destroy it by

The urgent need for a political settlement was under-lined on the eve of the poll by continuing violence in black townships. At least 40 people were killed in clashes between supporters of the African Inkatha Freedom party at the weekend, bringing the death toll to more than 270 since Mr de Klerk called the referendum three weeks ago.

Andries Sithole was killed and an unidentified woman was injured in a bomb blast at the home of Con Booysens, a schoolteacher, in Nelspruit, eastern Transvaal, yesterday. Police said commercial explosive, favoured by right-wing activists, was used.

Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, yesterday threatened to pull the organisation out of multiparty constitutional talks unless the government acted to stop the soaring political violence.

Photograph, page 18



Debate takes an ugly old-style turn

VOTERS go to the polls in the critical Michigan and Illinois presidential primaries today having watched the Democratic race degenerate into a violent verbal brawl in the finest traditions of Chicago politics.

A televised candidates' de-

bate on Sunday night culmi-nated in the ugliest scenes of this year's elections as Bill Clinton and Jerry Brown jabbed fingers at one another. shouted and traded bitter personal abuse. The former California governor accused Mr Climon of using his Arkansas governorship to fun-nel business to his wife Hillary's law firm in the state capital. He accused Mrs Clinton of unethically representing clients before the state agencies. This was a "major

scandal" amounting to corruption, he claimed. An enraged Mr Clinton called the accusation "garbage" and a lie "driven by electoral desperation". He left the podium and, advancing on Mr Brown, declared: 'You ought to be ashamed of yourself for jumping on my wife."

Mr Brown, in his third

presidential race and is posing as the populist scourge of a corrupt political establishment and refuses campaign contributions of more than \$100 (£60). But. Mr Clinton said, he "comes here with his family wealth and \$1,500 suit making lying accusations about my wife".

- Mrs Clinton, who has adopted a high-profile role in

With Bill Clinton almost certain of the Democratic nomination, Jerry Brown has turned his sights on his wife Hillary, Martin Fletcher in

Chicago writes

her husband's campaign, angrily denied Mr Brown's allegations yesterday, saying she had never accepted her share of the fees her firm had earned from state agencies. "I could have stayed home and baked cookies," she ex-claimed in exasperation.

Polls suggest that Mr Clinton should comfortably win both the Rustbelt primaries today, securing a majority of the 295 delegates at stake to virtually assure himself of the party's nomination in July.

Mr Brown based his charges on an article in The Washington Post highlight-ing the close and lucrative relationship between Mrs Clinton's firm and her husband's state government. In the wake of the allegations of adultery, draft evasion and questionable business dealings against Mr Clinton, the attack underscored the unease felt by many Democrats in this bell-wether state. They see Mr Clinton as easily the most personable and profes-

sional candidate and their only real choice, but fear he

Republican attacks in Nov-At a St Patrick's Day parade here on Sunday, some onlookers shouted "draftdodger", "womaniser" and where's Gennifer?" as Mr Clinton passed, a reference to the Arkansas night-club singer who claims to have been

his lover.

will be acutely vulnerable to

In a frenentic final campaigning burst, Mr Clinton courted the Chicago polyglot by visiting four black churches, the Irish parade, a Jewish synagogue and a meeting of Asian Americans. Paul Tsongas attended the parade, a gay rights meeting, one black church and the synagogue, but seemed to realise he would not get the victory he desperately needed in either Michigan or Illinois

to stall Mr Clinton. The maverick Mr Brown, who operates on a shoestring, walked the parade with an

hind him. Mr Tsongas's probusiness message, support for a free-trade agreement with cheap-labour Mexico and opposition to "anti-scab" legislation have played poorly in these heavily unionised states. In Michigan he may well come third.

Mr Clinton is now said to be so confident that he is weighing possible running mates, including senators John Kerry of Massachusetts and Bill Bradley of New Jersey. Mr Tsongas said at the weekend he would refuse to be Mr Clinton's vice-presidential candidate.

On the Republican side, Patrick Buchanan, President Bush's conservative opponent, also sounded like a man contemplating heavy defeats today. He poured all his resources into Michigan, hoping to exploit its economic misery, but in the final hours was begging for votes merely "to keep the debate going". He also raised the prospect of mounting a third-party chall-enge in 1996 "if the Republican party doesn't get back to conservative views and con-

servative values". Mr Bush has few fears in Illinois. He has loaded his administration with what he calls an "Illinois cabal" heading by Samuel Skinner, the White House chief of staff, and these surrogates have been campaigning vigorously on his behalf.

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Mercury concert heads for the stars

THE PEOPLE AND SHAPE

David Bowie, Elton John and George Michael are to head a line-up of stars at a concert in tribute to Freddic Mercury who died from Aids last November, the organisers confirmed yesterday. Tickets for the Easter Monday concert at Wembley Stadium in London are already

Other leading singers on the bill include Annie Lennox, Seal, Roger Daltrey, Ian Hunter, Robert Plant and Paul Young. Brian May, John Deacon and Roger Taylor, the remaining members of Mercury's group Queen, will also be taking part. The concert, to be broadcast live on BBC2 and more than 70 countries. The money raised will go to Aids

An Oscar for lifetime achieve ment was yesterday awarded to Satyajit Ray, the Indian film director, in a Calcuna hospital, his family said. Three members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences flew from Los Angeles and went to the hospital's intensive cardiac care unit to make the award. Ray, aged 70, had hoped to be well enough to go to the Academy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles on March 30.

The actor Anthony Andrews describes his latest role as another attempt to kill off Sebastian Flyte, the languid, teddy-loving youth he played in Brideshead Revisited. In The Law Lord, part of the BBC's Screen Two series. Andrews plays a barrister who becomes Lord Chancellor. Andrews says: "Sebastian does seem to have lived in people's memories and had an influence for a long time. It is good to have powerful roles to distance that memory."

Terry Waite, the former hostage, left London yesterday for his first visit to the United States since his release. He will be interviewed by the American television journalist Barbara Walters, and will meet personal friends. Mr Waite said he did not expect to be reunited with any of the former Beirut hostages.

A footballer aged 15 who is named after the entire Manchester United team that won the FA Cup in 1977. has just signed schoolboy terms for Leeds. Graham Cross, from Walsall, West Midlands, said: "I always wanted to play for Man-chester United but Leeds are a great club."

Ivana Trump is about to launch a new career as an author. Her first novel. For Love Alone, written with Camille Marchetta, a former series Dynasty, is due out next

Manley leaves island a Thatcherite legacy

By David Watts, diplomatic correspondent

MICHAEL Manley, political chameleon and father of modern Jamaica, will leave the island firmly entrenched in the ways of Thatcherism when he resigns later this

month. Hard as it is to imagine, the man who once talked of walking hand-in-hand with Fidel Castro and who sought to transform his country into an anglophone Cuba, now concentrates on the privatisation of Air Jamaica and his role as a key American interlocutor on Latin America.

The overthrow of Mr Maney, educated at the London School of Economics, was once a prime preoccupation of the Caribbean desk at the CIA, but they never fully reckoned with his emotional relationship with the people of Jamaica. Only a leader with his powers of oratory could have achieved his extraordinary personal political changes and carried off the transition from sworn enemy of the International Monetary Fund and all its works to true believer in its restorarive powers.

But he had some help from President Reagan who, persuaded by Mr Manley's similar communications skills. decided that his deadly political rival, the Harvard-educated Edward Seaga, leader of the conservative Jamaica Labour party, was no longer a true guardian of free enterprise and switched American support to the erstwhile "lackey of Castro".

Since then the island has rapidly privatised its industries and freed foreign exchange dealings in spite of horrendous shortages of international currencies. More sinisterly, it has become an important trans-shipment point for drugs going into the nited States.

But, while the theme of free enterprise will be picked up by whoever succeeds Mr Manley, his retirement ends a dynasty that predates independence from Britain in 1962. Mr Manley's father, Norman, founded the People's National party in 1938 to represent trade unionists, and served as party leader until succeeded by his son in 1970. The elder Manley was a charismatic man who led the fight for independence seven years after he had become prime minister.

Several years of poor health and five operations in quick succession have persuaded Mr Mariley to step down. The favourites to replace him at a party meeting later this month are P.J. Patterson, the party chairman and former finance minister, and Portia Simpson, the present labour

NEW YORK NOTEBOOK by Charles Bremner

US braced for another cocktail of sex and race

T en days before the sentencing of Mike Tyson, America is bracing itself for yet another wallow in that explosive cocktail: rape, celebrity and race. A sense of deja vu has settled over the New York headlines over the past three days as three top baseball stars, all millionaires and household names who play for the Mets team, have been accused by a 3 1-year-old archi-

tect of raping her. Once again, activists are denouncing celebrities who believe they have a droit de seigneur to treat all women as their playthings, and sports fans and black militants are sounding off against malicious females who exploit the hysteria over date rape for personal gain.

The Mets case threatens to be uglier than the Clarence Thomas. Kennedy Smith and Tyson affairs because Dwight Gooden, Daryl Boston and Vince Coleman are black and their accuser, the daughter of a prominent playwright, is white. There is another twist: the woman, a fitness fanatic and part-time barmaid on Manhattan's West Side, waited a year before

pressing charges.
Friends said that she had been inspired to do so by the courage of Desiree Washington, Tyson's accuser, and was also convinced by her

psychotherapist that it was the only way to "deal with" the trauma she had suffered. According to the police, the alleged attack took place in Florida, where the big baseball teams of the North go for their pre-season train-ing. The woman was staying at her holiday house in Jupiter, the small town near Palm Beach which is also the residence of Patty Bowman, the accuser of William Kennedy Smith. She had been going out with another Met player, a white, and agreed to drive Mr Gooden, the Mets' star pitcher, back to his house after a party. There, she claims, Mr Gooden and the two other players

raped her. The Florida prosecutors and police say they are taking the charges seriously because the woman did come to them with evidence immediately after the incident, though she declined then to sign a formal charge. As in the Tyson and Kennedy Smith cases, the players say the woman was a willing participant and deny the allegations.

No indictments have yet been brought by the prose-cutors, but the affair has cast a pall over the opening of the baseball season and the public is now apprised of every detail down to the now familiar graphic details of underwear and bodily fluids.

Mr Gooden's lawyer said America's sports stars were "fair game these days for such cheap shots with the inevitable big lawsuit goals", a view shared by the players' fans and particularly by blacks. Darryl Strawberry, a former Mets star who now plays with the Los Angeles Dodgers, said: 'Black athletes are just tired of being used and abused." In a commentary yester-

Gay and lesbian activists are putting the finishing touches to a spectacular offensive which they hope will shock Hollywood and the world public into greater sensitivity towards homosexuals.

Organisers of the Oscars' ceremony on March 30 have already reconciled themday. The New York Times said the Mets case was inselves to the prospect of a big disruption as part of a massive covert action" by flaming the "inner torment" of black sportsmen who bedancers, actors and ushers lieved they are victims of. who are incensed at a string extra-harsh standards imof films which are said to

MICHAEL_BBUGLA!

Provoking: poster for a film that angers gays

posed by a white-dominated portray gays as serial killersand sundry other villains.

A big demonstration is also expected in New York on Friday where militants from Queer Nation and Act-Up are aiming to picket the première of Basic Instinct, a mega-budget thriller which earned millions' worth of ad-vance publicity when gay activists tried to disrupt filming in San Francisco last

> Few Americans could now be unaware that Basic Instinct, directed by Paul Verhoeven and starring Michael Douglas and Sharon Stone, is a 1990s version of Fatal Attraction, which features a beautiful bisexual serial killer who dispatches ber men with an ice-pick at the moment of their sexual

> The homosexual activists say the film is the worst example of a tide of Hollywood "homophobia", and they aim to sabotage it by chanting the answer to "whodun-nit" outside cinemas. They have already begun stencil ling the killer's name on Manhattan pavements.

The Oscars demonstration is aimed against what the homosexuals see as negative caricatures of queenish homosexuals in a string of films, notably Oliver Stone's JFK. The Fisher King, The Last Boy Scout and Father of the Bride

"A FIRST-RATE A COMPELLING MURDER MYSTERY, SO HOT IT MELTS THE SCREEN

Paddy's need to be noticed

Liberal Democrat policies matter remarkably little, says Peter Riddell

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henever a politician promises to tell the truth V to voters, it is normally humbug, if not self-delusion. Jimmy Carter did so constantly in 1976, and paid the price four years later. Paddy Ashdown yesterday repeatedly said that he would tell the truth as the Liberal Democrats set out their stall as the party for those disillusioned by the campaign irritatingly self-righteous though this appeal often sounds, the Liberal Democrats could still have a critical influence

on the election outcome. The party's main aim in the campaign is to be noticed. So its manifesio makes a virtue out of being different. It is full of proposals which Mr Ashdown yesterday claimed were "coura-geous", and which the Sir Humphreys of Whitehall would

no doubt dismiss as "bold". Income tax and public borrowing are to be raised to pay for an expanded education budget and an emergency programme of public investment. Everything is fully costed. While myriad proposals have been included to please special interest

groups, there is lit-de of the frivolity of the Liberal manifestos of pre-Alliance days — in part, a lingering legacy of the SDP

For either of the two big parties to urge an increase in the basic rate of income tax and higher petrol tax. let alone a local income tax, would be electorally counter-produc-

tive. But the Liberal Democrats have more modest goals. They are in a niche market, trying to boost their core support of, say, 13 to 15 per cent up to around the 23 per cent the old Alliance reached in 1987. rather than the 42-43 per cent target of the Tories or of Labour.

Curiously, it may be easier to predict the number of seats rather than the number of votes that the party will win. This is largely because most of its MPs are elected on account of local campaigns, not national trends. The best guess of party strategists is that they will end up with about 20. to 25 MPs, compared with the present 22 (ignoring the three Owenite social democrats).

Likely loses are Rochdale (after Cyril Smith's retirement) and the by-election gain of Ribble Valley: also vulnerable, in theory, are Brecon and Radnor. Inverness include Cheltenham (where the Tory candidate is black), Cornwall North, Hazel Grove and Edinburgh West. The party normally manages the odd surprise, such as Southport in 1987: this time, long shot gains could be Taunton or

Falmouth. The Liberal Democrats are unlikely to perform better, and could easily fall back in seats where they have been a good second, such as Stockton South, Cambridge and Stevenage, because previous MPs and strong challengers have dropped out. Indeed, the party could slip from second to third place in a good number of seats in



the southeast. How far the Liberal Democrat vote slips is, of course, the key to the chances of many Home County Tory MPs retaining their seats in face of a divided opposition. That is why the Tories would like the party's total vote to remain above 20 per cent.

Much depends on Paddy Ashdown himself. He has the virtue of being the non-political politician, the brisk executive who is not part of the Westminster club. But he is susceptible to the political cliche of the moment, like giving a kick-start to the economy, a misleading phrase. He can also be sanctimonious when trying to rise above the party battle. That is a risky approach for any politician, even more for one like Mr Ashdown who has been in the headlines over his private life. He has a tendency to believe in his own myth, enjoying rather too much the adulation he received at

·a rally in London on Sunday. The Paddy personality cult could backfire. Otherwise, the party is thin on

talent at the top. The Liberal Demo-crats could find only half a dozen serious contenders to join any coalition. No wonder Mr Ashdown was evasive when asked, given his strong emphasis on education spending, who would be the par-

ty's education secretary? No one would take seriously Matthew Taylor, its education spokesman, who is shallow and inexperienced. (Mr Ashdown would be a good candidate himself.) Des Wilson, its campaign director, and other main public face, is a mixed blessing. For all his experience and success as a single issue campaigner, Mr Wilson's talent for self-publicity does not always endear him to the party's MPs some of whom disagree with his view that the Liberal Democrats can set the campaign agenda.

There is little that the Liberal

Democrats can do to affect the outcome, apart from appearing vigorous and united. Their eventual vote will depend on two factors: whether voters are turned off by the other two parties' infighting and whether disillusioned Tories turn to the Liberal Some of the Tory vote may be soggy in the Home Counties, though, if the polls remain close, it could be scared back to the fold by the prospect of a Labour victory and tax increases.

The press launches yesterday of the Liberal Democrat manifesto and the Labour budget were a striking contrast. No one behaved as if the former's policies would be implemented after the election, while reporters were treating John Smith as if he might be Chancellor in four weeks' time. The Liberal Democrats still look like a guerrilla band on the edges of the main

Women are still categorised by gender rather than ability, argues Janet Daley

a woman journalist. I would think myself truly liberated only when I was Gagged by our sex free to write about neuter subjects such as the Gatt talks or proportional representation. I fully expect to have to fight for this right to be one of the boys — for my sex not to be an issue — in my male-dominated profession, but it is infurial-

were not free to say what we wished on any conceivable subject. Instead of being seen as individuals in our own right, which we might innocently have thought was the whole point. feminists demanded that we be relentiess spokespersons

ing to have to hold out, too,

against the pressures of feminists who ought to be maximising

women's freedoms, not limiting

What the oublic voice of female

liberation means to me is that, as

well as being patronised by men, I find myself being attacked by

women in confrontations staged

by the media. One televised discus-

sion last year pitted me against

two women's page writers from The Guardian, who shrieked that

since I was not speaking "as a

woman" in my writing, not only

did I not count as a feminist

success story but my stand was

positively traitorous. Perhaps I got

it wrong, but I thought that what

this was all about was the right of every person, of whatever gender,

to be and say anything they liked.

Those of us who benefited from

tried to put foreign policy

back into the presidential

election. The elder states-

man has left town. His elderly henchmen, after a few Gaudy days

with old friends, have returned to

their rocking-chairs and rehabili-

tation roles.

In Washington the memory lingers on strongly. For those who like their politics as art, the former

president's attack on his inward-

looking successors was a rich,

enduring moment. On the day that Mr Nixon attacked the administration's petty meanness to Boris Yeltsin, George Bush looked like Belshazzar at the feast.

The president seemed nervous and grey. Before the entranced eyes of Washington's intellectual elite, the moving finger had writ. And, having writ, it moved on to

the opinion columns and congres-

sional corridors, where it still

waggled vigorously yesterday. In The Washington Post, Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick asked what

were the president's foreign policy

goals - and found none, no recognition that Russian democ-

racy is a matter of vital American

interest, no pressure for democra-cy in China, no support for

independent Yugoslav republics. On Capitol Hill, senior Republi-

cans and Democrats respectfully

Even the middle-aged pundits,

whose youth was spent in disgust-

ed excoriation of the 37th presi-

dent, rejoiced in his return. The

speech was a blissful, almost

international relations industry

whose underemployed globe-gaz-ers, so recently used to the relent-

less media call, saw briefly how the

Russian aid argument might get

Society leaders who for years

have treated Mr Nixon like a

crooked brother-in-law welcomed

his epiphany. He might still be

only acceptable at a distance, for

weddings, perhaps, but not supper

parties. But the comparison be-

tween his confident clarity and the

mumbling "no blank check" re-sponse of his successor was some-

Out of Washington, however, in

them back on the air.

thing to savour.

invoked Mr Nixon's name.

the move to include female voices

in every public forum, found that,

Women. Having fought our way out of the nursery, we were now being

issue from the woman's perspective, whatever that is. Taking anti-racism as a model, the ferminist lobby insisted that that there could be no neutral stance in the battle for female equality. If you were not actively promoting the cause, then you

were complicit with its enemies.

being called to account by feminist

careerists for not addressing every

dia thought it wildly amusing, and made the most of the disagreements. Thus was born the idea of a vengeful revolt against the whole notion of female equality. In the United States. where they do things ..on a grander scale, wishful thinking

Susan Faludi: no sign of a backlash to femin

has apparently Women's history and women's literary criticism have been enforcing as rigid a definition of female interests as the old needlework and cookery syliabus. It would not be that surprising, then, if America, having swung with its usual unguard-ed enthusiasm to such an extreme,

should have swung back again.
After all, is not America now the

reduced their erstwhile male oppressors to gibbering terror, given up child-rearing as a mug's game and cowed public institutions into political correctness? And, having tasted the fruits of freedom and power, are not American women now likely to have become nostalgic for the comforts of marriage and old-fashioned family life?

This makes a plausible story with a satisfying moral: having got it all, women discovered that they had lost What Mattered Most. Indeed, so satisfying is this fairy tale that the American media told it over and over again without bothering to find out whether or not it was true.

In Backlash, The Undeclared War Against Women, a book to be published here by Chatto & Windus at the end of the month. Susan Faludi, the American journalist, carefully examines all the coverage which has been given to the fabled backlash against feminism, and found it to be based on scarcely a scrap of evidence. Even

themselves to have achieved any real degree of independence proves untrue. Both the triumph and the retreat of feminism are

media myths.
I find her case proven: that most women's lives have been unaffected by feminism's "success" and that, far from regretting their freedom, women are still bridling at the lack of it. But some of the blame for this must lie with feminism itself. What was most damaging was its illiberalism, which repelled so many women

and even more men. America's absurd tendency to create mythical images of itself is tied up with its own historical search for identity. The pressure to conform to an up-to-the-minute rendition of acceptable behaviour which Susan Faludi describes has only the palest reflections here.

But if Ms Faludi is anything to go by, even the United States - the home of hysterical over-reaction may be arriving at some kind of sanity. She quotes Nora from Ibsen's A Doll's House: "Before everything else, I'm a human being." Somewhere beyond the reaches of feminist consciousness. there must be a future for us as

Nixon shows Bush a trick

Peter Stothard on the ex-president's latest comeback



Will America miss out? Nixon says foreign policy should be central to the November election

of last week's show have not been forgotten: they were never heard. This year's presidential election remains a race in which overseas form is off the card. Today's primaries in Michigan and Illinois will be won or lost on jobs, not on aid to Boris Yeltsin. If any Chicagoan campaign worker asks "Who lost Ukraine?" this evening it will be only to discover why his candidate polled so badly on Milwaukee Avenue.

Mr Nixon, like the pope of old, has no divisions. He is not going to force Bill Clinton to go beyond the "look homeward" theme in foreign policy, dressed up in responsi-

in Washington last September. Nor will he push Paul Tsongas into switching his "invest in America" appeals, or Jerry Brown into making any sort of speech on the

world beyond the voting-booth. Mr Brown tells audiences how he learns about life's sacredness last year by bathing the near-dead of Calcutta with Mother Teresa. But, asked about American aid programmes, he says that he wants "not a penny" to be given until every small farmer, businessman and family in the United

States is properly looked after. Mr Brown's support is growing. Mr Clinton was lucky to pro-

the places where Mr Nixon want- ble think tank prose, which he nounce his modest internationalmuch notice: Despite Mr Nixon's knife-thrust into George Bush's back, no Democratic candidate wants to aggravate the wound.

The survivor of Watergate has

done only one thing for the primary races. He has further frightened the White House political machine, the group which, thanks to his burglaries and tapewiping efforts in 1972, will never again be called the Campaign to Re-elect the President. Unhinging the Oval Office does not, however, require any special force these days. Creep would be too aggressive an acronym for the men in whom President Bush has placed cans on Capitol Hill suggest instead Sloth or Panic

It is not hard to see why Robert Mossbacher, Mr Bush's multimillionaire campaign chairman, and Robert Teeter, his polister and chief political operator, should feel nervous about Mr Nixon. The former president has a reputation for understanding the American mind which they will never have. In 1968 and 1972 he formed the Republican coalition of new Southern whites and traditional Western support which has kept Republicans in the White House virtually ever since. George Bush was one of his helpmates — and neither the brightest nor the best.

Nixon spoke for week, in perfect the torical periods, without the support of a podium or the help of notes. Senior Republicans were divided on the virtues of his argument. What happened to the \$40 billion that we have poured into Moscow, asked one? What we do is irrelevant, said another, so why throw good money after bad? But all admired the low, relaxed voice, the locked elbow stance, the easy impression that here was man in charge of his thoughts. The contrast with Mr. Bush's excited vocal scales, formless sentences and knee-smiting, loose-loined im-personations of Babylon's doomed ruler was as cruel as it was clear.

Until now, Mr Bush has had an excuse for not articulating a coherafter the cold war. Patrick Buchanan has been stomping the country tying voters' economic fears to the claim that other countries are consuming Ameri-

can money, food and jobs. After today's primaries are over, Mr Buchanan is likely to have been well beaten — at least for this campaign. George Bush will then have to decide whether Mr Nixon's prediction that foreign policy is the issue that will divide him from his Democrat opponents is right. Or will the president continue to trim his message to the wind of those who so want to succeed



...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

t is understandable. I sup-pose, that so much atten-tion should be paid to those standing in the general election. but what about those who are retiring? This week, I have been reminiscing with Sir Shortley Peverill. the distinguished Conservative backbencher. Since his election in 1959, he has represented the constituency of Gannet West, situated he believes, "somewhere near the south coast — or is it more in the East Anglia direction?"

Sir Shortley remembers well his selection as prospective Conservative candidate all those years ago. At the start of the

year, he was not in possession of a wife, but he lost no time in selecting one from the official list of approved wives supplied by Conservative central office. They married just in time for the general election, and he lovingly remembers his devoted wife "June — or possibly Jane, correction: Joan" agreeing to stick by him, putting all future scandals behind her well in

advance. Sir Shortley won his seat for the Conservatives, albeit with a vastly reduced majority. At the time, he had thought Mae-millan's slogan, "You never had it so good", too populist, though he now agrees that his revised slogan, "You never had it — so what" may have been a little too

blunt for the floating voter. Upon entering the House of Commons in 1959, he took some time "sizing the place up" before making his maiden speed in early 1963. "I rounded on

Labour," he chuckles. "Absolutely no-holds barred. I said it was high time the Labour government made way for the Conservatives, and that the last 12 years had been a living hell." After his speech, his colleagues reminded him that the govern-ment had been Conservative for the past 12 years. "For heaven's sake, let's not split hairs," he replied, adding, "Throughout my political career I've refused

to get bogged down in detail."
In 1967, Sir Shortley achieved his first taste of power with his appointment as Opposition spokesman on youth. "As I saw it, my job was to oppose youth, wherever I saw it emerging. At that point youth was in danger of gaining the upper hand, what with the Rolling Stones. Glenn Miller and the lot of them. Some representatives of youth were even rumoured to have infiltrated the Conservative party, and I developed a five-point plan to root them out and force

them into the arms of the Labour party."
Sir Shortley resigned from this position six months later, "in order to devote more time to

Over the years, Sir Shortley Peverill identified himself with certain issues, including sup-port for capital punishment ("It never did me any harm"). For those six months in 1967, he had been the subject of numerous headlines ("MP Condemns Cliff Richard as Soviet Mole", Tommy Steele Subverting the Nation's Children Claims MP', "Peverill Calls For Choral Evensong To Replace Top of the Pops"), but after his sudden resignation, he found himself languishing in the political wilderness.

This drove him to the expression of opinions of an increasingly controversial na-ture, starting with calls for the internment of vegetarians and the abolition of "namby-pamby" rear-view mirrors in cars, and rising to calls for drink-driving to be made compulsory and a ten-point plan for the eradication of the cat as a household pet ("Let's Stop This Dreadful Minowing, Demands MP").

His speeches in the House itself remained rare, though in a recent debate on monetary union he could be heard repeatedly shouting "bless you" at every mention of the word

Eventually, after what he termed "an unfortunate incident" involving an alleged pass at Mr Speaker ("Quite frankly, if he continues to insist on wearing that wig, he's laying himself open to it"). Sir Shortley issued a statement to the effect that his wife Jane was standing by him. A second statement contained an addendum. "For Jane," it said, "read Joan."

In 1988, the Whip's office took ultimate sanction by recommending Sir Shortley for a knighthood. "It was only then". he now recalls, "that I realised my parliamentary career was at

an end." On Thursday, I will be reminiscing with Frank Tork, the Labour veteran.

Songs for swinging voters

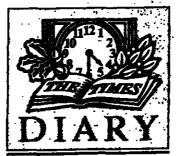
FORGET the battle of the manifestos. The first full week of election campaigning is likely to be dominated by the battle of the bands, as all three parties struggle to establish their theme tunes as chart-toppers by April 9.
Television viewers who heard

the Liberal Democrat and Tory party fanfares for the first time — but unfortunately not the last — at the weekend, were not alone. Neither John Major nor Paddy Ashdown had heard their theme tunes until they walked on stage to the strains, respectively, of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Rob Norman. Lloyd Webber had first ap

proached Shaun Woodward, the party's communications director. some months ago. He then took a recording of Purcell's Abdelazer. to play to Major over lunch at Chequers. The prime minister was familiar with the tune and Lloyd Webber went away to add a 1990s disco flavour to the piece, originally adapted by Benjamin Britten for his Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. The finished piece was approved by Woodward and Maurice Saatchi, and Major did not hear the theme until it was played to greet his entry at the Tory Central Council meeting in

Torquay. Fortunately he liked what he heard, but his enthusiasm is not shared by all. John Amis, the broadcaster, says: " It would be better called The Infant's Guide to the Election - in which case it will be perfectly proper to be sick all

My Vote — Paddy's Theme. written by Rob Norman, the former keyboard player with Buck's Fizz. who now composes television iingles, was just as great a musical surprise for the Liberal Democrat



leader. Ashdown heard it for the first time when he entered a London election rally on Sunday. An even bigger surprise will be Norman's voting intentions. "I haven't made my mind up who to vote for," he says. "Whoever is the

Neil Kinnock, however, has insisted on personally approving Labour's theme, due to be unveiled tomorrow. He was taking no chances after being caught by surprise when Jim Parish, the party's campaigns officer, arranged for Queen's We Are The Champions to be played at the end of the 1991 Labour party conference. Kinnock sang along on the platform, but hated every triumphalist note. "Where is the man responsible?" he demanded as soon as he could get off stage. "Tell him he can keep his job but not his life."

• What a start to the first day proper of the Tory campaign.
Midway through the press conference at Central Office denouncing Labour's alternative budget, the lights went out. Word processors ground to a halt, printers stopped and fax machines broke down. As Norman Lamont battled on bravely in the semidarkness, the London Electricity Board was summoned. After 90 minutes in the cold the power was

still not back on, so Chris Patten's top advisers were temporarily switched from their election duties and dispatched to find some

Beefed up

THE average cow is a contented. docile creature — and small won-der. Along with their winter silage cows consume the equivalent of a bottle of Scotch a day, according to new research. The alcohol is produced in the fermentation pro-cess. Dr Martin Owers, who has carried out the research for Pauls Agriculture, says. There is up to four per cent of alcohol in silage.

Just nippingidown the Silo, dear

This means that a cow, which eats 10kg a day, consumes about 400g s of pure alcohol." Enough to sink a rugby team - but not a cow, it seems. "Cows can cope with that much alcohol, because they weigh about ten times as much as humans. It doesn't make them drunk, but I am sure it helps them overcome stress."

Con man Chris

AS academics continue to argue over the significance of Christopher Columbus's voyage to the Americas. Britain has come up

with its own distinguished contribution to the 500th anniversary celebrations. After an absence of 14 years, the Carry On team is being reassembled to produce Carry on Columbus with, it is hoped, Barbara Windsor in a star-

ring role.
"She really is synonymous with Carry On," says John Goldstone, the producer. But with the death of such Carry On stalwarts as Kenneth Williams and Sid James, Goldstone is turning to some of the alternative comedians of the 1980s — who ironically made their name out of knocking an earlier generation of British humour which the Carry On films epitomised.

And to which of the rival theories will the Carry On team subscribe — Columbus as heroic discoverer or miserable plunderer? "We will give the story out usual treatment," says Goldstone. "He was a bit of a con man".

● The Ritz hotel, Lord Justice Sir James Mathew once observed, is open to all - and election night will be no exception. For the trifling sum of £475, supporters of all parties are invited to partake of a special election night pack-age, including a "themed" dinner complete with a swingometer in the restaurant and ending with a visit by limousine to the gates of Downing Street the next morning. Throughout the night guests can keep themselves going with a heady mixture of political cock-tails. "Major Reform" is a very unconservative mixture of vodka and curacao: "In a Paddy" consists of Irish whiskey and galliano, while "Neil Before the Queen" would render anyone legiess gin, cherry brandy and dry vermouth. Floating voters all, after that little lot. Staff are currentlyworking on a special pick-me-up cure for hung (over) parliaments.

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bicycle", report, March 4). However, the business allowance first move toward achieving the goals of the NHS for better health?

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THE PIPS SQUEAK

Labour's shadow Chancellor, John Smith. has finally adopted Anthony Crosland's dictum that socialism is essentially about equality. Labour has dropped unilateralism and come to terms with much of the Thatcherite cannon. Yet on tax, Labour is unreconstructed. Roy Hattersley said earlier this week that Labour means to take from the rich and give to the poor. What was learnt yesterday was the definition of rich and the scale of the taking. From now on, this battle is not between Tweedledum and Tweedle-

dee. It is about something real. Mr Smith's shadow budget is disarmingly simple. From most earners on or above £25,000 a year he plans to take more than under any previous Labour government More than £5 billion will be taken from the 17 per cent of earners who will lose from his proposals. While Denis Healey's famous "pip-squeaking" budgets attacked the super-rich, Mr Smith extends this policy to those on middle-class salaries. The proceeds will be devoted to increased tax allowances, to higher pensions and child benefit, and to increased public spending on health, educa-

tion and other social programmes. Mr Smith has softened Labour's previously published plans in one notable regard: he has dropped plans to subject "unearned" incomes of more than £3,000 a year to National Insurance contributions. Otherwise, he has stood his ground. Seldom before have electors been so specifically invited to opt between detailed tax packages

at an election. Mr Smith's budget is as much electioneering as was Norman Lamont's last week. Its fiscal stance is supposedly neutral, though the Treasury finds it hard to add up Mr Kinnock's many spending commitments and see a borrowing requirement no higher than its own awesome £28 billion. Labour is

still planning a minimum wage, which must be economically deleterious. Whether high taxes are specifically harmful has long been debated. Virtually the same tax rates as Mr Smith proposes applied under Mr Lawson, though to fewer people. They were not then said to inhibit effort or

cracy have become dominated by acquiring

Hence proportional representation (PR) comes top of the Lib Dem "menu with

prices". It is the compulsory hors d'oeuvre, to

be followed by a pick-and-mix main course.

Those opposed to PR should not dine here. A

voter may like the Lib Dem tax-for-education

policy and may be happy to contemplate a

Lib Dem presence in a coalition government.

But since a vote for the Lib Derns is a vote for

PR - roughly a fifth of all MPs would be Lib

Dem under PR - it is also a vote for a

standing Lib Dem presence in all future

governments. As with PR in Germany, it is a

vote for Paddy Ashdown as foreign secretary

for ever. To the floating voter undecided

between Neil Kinnock and John Major and

thinking of parking his vote with Mr

Ashdown, the total price, tasty though each

Yet there are some good policies in yesterday's document. The 1p on basic

income tax, generating £2 billion entirely to

be spent on education, may be a gimmick

but a good one, at least offering a real choice.

item may be, will look rather high.

power rather by its subsequent exercise.

impede growth. But Mr Smith's losers will be big losers: the £50,000 a year family will have £105.70 a week less to spend. Not only will they lose, but those who aspire to their mark will ponder the old question, is the

game worth the candle? Sir Geoffick Howe's radical 1979 tax proposals do appear to have stimulated a new spirit of British emigreneurship in the 1980s. Perception is important to enterprise.

A sense that Britain is returning to the high tax, high public spending years must discourage those whose spirits and earnings were lifted by a government which believed in the opposite. Tax policy essentially concerns whom to discourage. Mr Kinnock

yestenlay gave his answer. Wherein lies the electoral gain in this? Labour's spin doctors were bravely declaring that Mr Smith's package is designed to cane the phitocrats, appease the C2s and enthuse the poor. Since the plutocrats vote Tory and the poor largely vote Labour, it is Mr Smith's effect on the man in the middle that matters: how many floating voters are earning under £22,000 a year, starting point for additional National Insurance? The crude figures look good for Mr Smith. In most of the country outside London, a pay packet of £22,000 a year is a high one. The £40,000-a-year threshold for Mr Smith's top band of 59 per cent tax-plus-national-insurance is more than the average headmaster or country solicitor earns. Some 48 per cent of families will be better off under these proposals than

under Mr Lamont's budget. For the Tories the trick will now be to convince marginal voters that these pronosals involve not only a cost to some but a long-term mischief to many. They must do more than that. Labour is gambling, like the Liberal Democrats, that the public is ready for higher taxes provided the benefit of those taxes is "public". The Tories must show that public services are safe in their hands witness their public borrowing. They must negate the "philanthropic" appeal underlying Mr Smith's high tax message. And they must do it without seeming merely mercenary. No easy task.

PR WITH EVERYTHING

Politics is an ungrateful business. Liberal People apparently resent taxes less when they Democrats live in hope that the old cliché will can see where the money goes. Education is showing in the polls as a main election issue, one day stop being true. If there was any justice, the people who kept "moderation" alive through the polarised 1980s should have ranked as such by 33 per cent of voters (according to the latest Times Mori poll), compared with 26 per cent in 1987. The their electoral reward now the middle Tories are seen as vulnerable on education ground is back in fashion. But the latest surveys show little sign of the Lib Dems being and the Lib Dems have chosen shrewdly. thanked in the hard currency of extra votes and seats. If in 1992 they sneer at the polls

Apart from this ring lenged tax increase the Lib Dems are wanting to leave tax levels much as they were before the recent Budget. and smell real power, it is only because those Their preference is for a massive expansion of public spending on capital investment, polls are forecasting a hung parliament. Hanging a parliament should concentrate paid for by further public borrowing, to the mind. So what is distinctive about this party which may hold the balance after April thrust the economy out of recession. Here appeal to non-Tories in search of a party but and no responsibility? Yesterday's publication of the 1992 manifesto was at best a parwhich might seem rash to Tories of the tial answer, for the politics of Liberal Demo-

'recession, heal thyself' school. As for education and the economy, so for more public housing, higher pensions, regional devolution, signing the EC social charter and moving towards a minimum wage, Lib Dem policies are less different from Labour policy than from Tory. Some promises are bolder and better than either: on incorporation of National Insurance into income tax, on phasing out mortage tax relief, on enhancement of industrial competition. The longstanding Liberal belief in regional identity, for localism and against big central government, lingers on but feebly in this manifesto but it is there. It may indeed be the only surviving ideological distinction

between Liberalism and Labour. The dominant conclusion from yesterday's manifesto is that here is a party that Labour could live with as its junior partner, give or take a fudge on PR, while the Conservatives could not. Yet such is the strength of the club in British politics that these two parties cannot bring themselves to agree even a handful of local non-aggression pacts. The anti-Tory vote remains split. Therein continues to lie John Major's greatest hope.

CASTLES IN SPAIN

The "greatest show on earth". Expo 92, opens next month. It is not going to be ready. World fairs and exhibitions, intended to show off the best of the host country, tend to expose other characteristics as well. The last world fair on the continent of Europe in 1958 left Belgium with the Atomium, a hideous erection of trendy futility that symbolises something not entirely obliging about Brussels. The Festival of Britain left London with the lumpen austerities of the South Bank, so blighted that it has yet to be properly redeveloped more than 40 years on.

Expo 92, coupled to the summer Olympics in Barcelona and Madrid's status as "European city of culture", is intended to make 1992 a Spanish annus mirabilis. It celebrates the 500th anniversary of Spain's first escape from the Middle Ages into the exhilaration of New World discovery, and its more recent escape from fascism into

modern liberal democracy. As always with vast prestige projects organised by national committees of politicians, Eurocrais and public relations men, performance is not living up to triumphalist hot air. The unnatural rush to complete castles in Spain on time has caused a number of fires. The worst of these, started by a spark from a welder's torch, burnt to the ground the star Pavilion of Discoveries. This was meant to show the advances of civilisation over the past 500 years. It has become an ironic

monument to local incompetence. Essential roads and motorway links are not going to be finished before the midsummer at the earliest. Seville, known to the natives as the oven of Spain, is preparing for 25 million visitors during the six months of Expo, where in a normal year it expects 350,000. Its preparations do not include anything like enough beds, hotels, or roads. The things that are going up fastest in Seville are the prices. The infrastructure is still a building site, strong on siesta and short of anything approaching finished buildings.

The English have been suspicious of gigantic Spanish construction projects ever since the days of the Armada and the Escorial. Chanvinism towards Spain is deeprooted, depending on such stereotypes as Manuel, the hopeless Spanish waiter in Fawity Towers, and the horror of half-built hotels and ramshackle facilities in the building boom that devastated the Costas

Brava and del Sol in the 1970s. World fairs are, by definition, ludicrous events, designed for national propaganda rather than the modest function of less portentous fairs, popular bargains and cheap entertainment. They are the playthings of the supranational classes. Expo 92 could never have lived up to its mystical advance billing. The mounting shambles of this Disneyland on the Guadalquivir suggests that Spain has indeed joined Jacques Delors's modern Europe. They will doubtless muddle through with traditional Spanish charm and procrastination. But while the Spanish pay the awesome price of such Eurofolly, despoiling Seville and Barcelona into the bargain, others may decide that this is not the best summer to visit the antique charms of old Andalusia:

the election From Sir Allen Sheppard and others

Sir, As the general election approaches we believe that British businessmen should urgently consider the longer-term implications for their businesses and employees of

a change of government. One of the main achievements in Britain in the past 12 years, in addition to rising living standards, has been the reappearance of a spirit of enterprise which, in 1979, seemed

There is evidence all around us of this new spirit. During recent years there have been dramatic improvements in productivity and renewed emphasis on innovation and skills. There has been growing employee involvement and also business

partnerships with the community. We have seen substantial inward investment by our trading partners expressing their confidence in our hospitable business climate and significant outward investment all over the world by confident British companies. We have seen a long overdue but essential focus on the quality and design, service and

performance of our products. There is now an encouraging trend at our universities, where enterprise clubs are flourishing and we are witnessing an increase in the number of young people who now regard business and self-employ-

ment as realistic career options. Contrast this with those awful days in the 1970s when overseas businessmen were genuinely sorry for you if you happened to be British! Today those same businessmen express their admiration for the transformation which has taken place over the last decade.

The spirit of enterprise is not a hardy plant. Nor is it yet so firmly established that it can survive in a bostile climate. If it is to flourish it requires the same sort of encouragement it has enjoyed since 1979.

In the interests of Britain's future prosperity we must ask ourselves which political party, on the evidence of re-election utterances, is most likely to provide these conditions. In other words, whom can we trust to put enterprise first?

In forming this crucial judgment we should not be deflected by the current painful world recession nor the now corrected over-heating of the UK economy that took place in the

We believe businessmen should support the party which, since 1979, has been actively and successfull promoting the renewed spirit of enterprise in the British people. This spirit will bring growing prosperity to Britain in the 1990s.

The above reflects our personal views and not necessarily those of the companies of which we are chairmen

and/or chief executives, etc.

Yours faithfully. ALLEN SHEPPARD ALEX ALEXANDER JOHN BAIRSTOW Queens Moat House IAMES BLYTH (Boots), PETER CATESBY (Vaint); ROBERT CLARKE (United Biscuits), JOHN CUCKNEY (Royal Insurance), PETER DAVIS (Reed International). IAN HAY DAVISON (Storehouse), DELFONT (First Leisure), PETER DREW (Taylor Woodrow), THOMAS FARMER (Kwikiri), ROCCO FORTE (Forte). MICHAEL FOSTER (Courage RICHARD GIORDANO (Ex-BOC). ALISTAIR GRANT (Argyfi).
MICHAEL GUTHRIE (Bright Reasons) MICHAEL JACKAMAN (Allied Lyons). JOHN JARVIS (Jarvis Hotels). RICHARD JEWSON . (Meyer International). STANLEY KALMS (Dixons). DAVID KENDALL (Bunzi). KING (British Airways), DAVID LEES (GKN). STUART LIPTON anhope Properties). IAN MacLAURIN (Tesco), GEOFFREY MAITLAND SMITH PATRICK MEANEY (Ranks). NIGEL MOBBS (Slough Estates/Aims of Industry). GEOFF MULCAHY (Kinglisher). JOHN NEILL (Unipart). ERIC PARKER (Trafalgar House), BRIAN H. PEARCE (Pearce Signs), ALAN POND (Oakstead Holdings), ERIC POUNTAIN (Tarmac), ROBERT SCHOLEY (British Steel), NEIL SHAW (Tate & Lyle), GILES SHEPARD (Savoy Hotels). STOCKTON (Macmillan Publishers). ALAN SUGAR (Amstrad). CLIVE THOMPSON (Rentokil), MALCOLM WALKER (Iceland). PETER WALTERS, 20 St James's Square, SW1. March 16.

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Wheeler-dealing

From Ms Elaine Fullard Sir, As an NHS employee I can claim 5.5 pence a mile for my "business" bicycle allowance which I think is an enlightened step forward "Doctors urge shift from car to the

for my 1300cc car is nearly seven times that amount (37.5p per mile). Would it not be in the interests of per-haps the largest employer in Europe to increase the bicycle allowance as a

Yours truly, ELAINE FULLARD. 6 Harpes Road, Oxford.

Businessmen and Carey, evangelism and other faiths

From the Rector of Hawkwell

Sir. The Archbishop of Canterbury's refusal to be patron of the Church's Ministry Among the Jews is far more serious than your leading article (March 12) suggests. It is not on a level with decisions over the other 400 organisations of which his predecessors have been patron or

The CMJ is inevitably at the heart of the biggest controversy in the decade of evangelism, namely the Church's relationship with other faiths. A crucial question is whether we should sensitively evangelise adherents of other reheions.

Dr Carey's action will greatly strengthen the hand of those who say we should not. For many it will be seen as not merely a decision against the CMJ but as detracting from our Lord's commission to evangelise the whole world, including his own people, the Jews.

It will also delight the opponents of the CMJ, some of whom spread scurilous rumours about the society. As a council member I know that the CMJ deeply respects Jewish culture and is painfully aware of the damage caused by centuries of anti-Semi-

But it cares enough for Jewish people to encourage them to accept Jesus as their messiah and saviour, whilst remaining true to their cultural heritage. Its evangelism is sensitive and entirely "above

For 150 years successive archbishops have been patrons of the society. But now, in its most embat-

Gatt 'stalemate'

From the Chairman of the European Movement

Sir, Your front page report today on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) talks is less than usually constructive. Its headline refers to the European Community "sabotaging" these crucial negotia-

tions at a key stage.

However, it would be fairer to refer to the "stalemates" between the parties which should not be attributed to Community obduracy. The United States also has been extremely difficult and obstructive in refusing to include in the negotiations its own internal farm support

deficiency payments system. This accounts for the bulk of the American support arrangements and should logically be included as it

Water transfers

From Mr B. H. Rofe Sir, I am surprised at the comments by Sir Hugh Fish implying that a general transfer of water between regions will solve all our future

problems, and Mr Millichamp's suggestion (both letters, March 16) that it would save money. At regional level, considerable thought is being given to methods of demand management, and the feasibility of inter-basin transfers is always an option to be considered. However, the fundamental need is to provide more storage in the system,

both to prevent the unnecessary loss of water to the sea mentioned by Sir Hugh and to maintain the flow in upland streams desired by Mr Millichamp.

Ceremonial duties

From Alastair Bruce of Crionaich Sir, Your leader ("Ground arms!", March 7) forgets that public duties and ceremonial have a symbolic purpose and are not just side shows

Cromwell's army subjugated the freedoms of British people, we have wisely bound our forces to the Crown Since then the constitutional monarchy has ensured democracy, keeping both monarch and military at a safe distance and apolitical. Mariborough's pageantry was designed to bolster this loyal bond. Today we are reassured by soldiers peacefully maintaining democracy.

Banana dispute

From Mr Bowen Wells Sir. The banana supply dispute described so well by Michael Hornsby on March 11 is a matter of great consequence to the future of the West Indian banana-producing countries and the European consumer alike

If they were deprived of their ability to earn their living growing and selling bananas enterprising farmers might well turn to the other tropical crop that could replace bananas profitably, namely drugs. Those who could might seek to emigrate to Britain, Europe and North America.

The European consumer would be unlikely to benefit since he would have no choice but to buy the standardised product of the USowned multinational companies, who could dictate the price. In the pursuit of the single Euro-

pean market or Gatt Round can we

be justified in contemplating such

human wreckage, regardless of our historic responsibilities? Yours faithfully, BOWEN WELLS (Parliamentary adviser. Geest Organisation, 1982-92), House of Commons.

March 14.

tled situation ever, Dr Carey has deserted it.

Yours faithfully TONY HIGTON. The Rectory, Hawkwell,

Hockley, Essex.

From the Reverend Philip Schofield Sir, Dr Carey's appeal in support of the Jewish-Christian centre at Selly Oak (report, March 2) and his refus-al to be patron of the Church's Ministry Among the Jews (report, March 11), reveal a consistency of thought and action which is to be commended in a church leader. I believe his concern for evangelism, and the centrality of Christ in his own

personal faith, cannot be questioned. To speak, as the Reverend Tony Higton did, of the archbishop's action as being "a shameful betrayal" and an undermining of the "cause of the gospel" serves only to highlight yet again one of the many divisions within the Church. In a world and a society so harshly and so violently violated by religious bigotry is it not time, within each religion and among all religions, for people of good will to seek common ground whereby they can work harmo-

niously together? Dr Carey rightly says we should encourage "trust and friendship between different faith communities" but the CMJ, with its frequently aggressive and offensive approach to the Jews, is often counter-productive, and its sometimes "softly, softly, catchee monkey" approach deceives no one.

Yours sincerely. PHILIP SCHOFIELD, Lantau, 8 Priory Close, Penyffordd, Chester.

has a direct effect on export prices. The Commission is quite right to point out that this is the mainstay for American farmers. In fact, the total American support is approximately equal to the total financial support given in the Community common agricultural policy (CAP) scheme. But US farmers are around one third of the number of farmers in the EC. It is not difficult to assess which is the really extravagant and indulgent support system. The CAP needs reform but the American system needs it even more. Alas, this is not likely to happen whilst the American

elections are raging. Yours faithfully, HUGH DYKES, Chairman, European Movement,

Europe House, 158 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1.

Reservoir storage is a necessary part of most inter-regional transfer schemes due to the seasonal delay between the rainfall and the demand

on water supplies in the following dry Most reservoirs serve also as a means of considerable environmental gain, both in landscape and conservation terms, whilst at the same time providing for water re-sources and a recreational area.

Yours sincerely, B. H. ROFE (Past President, Institution of Water and Environmental Management), Rofe, Kennard & Lapworth (Consulting engineers), Raffety House, 2-4 Sutton Court Road, Sutton, Surrey.

for tourists. Ever since the Civil War, when

Every time a Marine band plays or a soldier parachutes into some rural show, the bond between the people and their guardians is enhanced and

public confidence is bolstered. Our forces have a public duty; it is reassuring to see them around, not trapped in training barracks by the Treasury's accountants.

Yours faithfully, ALASTAIR BRUCE of CRIONAICH, 9 Churton Place, SW1.

From Flight-Lieutenant M. Sir, We have more than enough servicemen who are civilians at heart,

thanks to the fall in importance of

pride, loyalty and morale in the drive Roads and landscape

From Mr Laurence Evans Sir. In his letter of March 6. commenting on the desirability of the Twyford Down route, the director of the British Road Federation alleges that the M40 has had "minimal visual impact" on the

Chiltern hills and valleys. In fact, this concrete eruption has totally distorted the landscape. Recently, standing near the Icknield Way with my back to Lewknor, I dreamed of the tranquillity that once enfolded this countryside; I then moved a little further along and the dream became a nightmare. Across a high ridge, alien to the environment, thundered vans, lorries and cars filling the air with a dull roar. Is

this also the future for Twyford Down? Yours truly, LAURENCE EVANS (Chairman, Historic works and buildings group). The Chiltern Society, Quill Lodge, Wyans Road, Chorleywood, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

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March 9.

Contrary gusts on sail training

From the General Secretary of the Marine Society

Sir, Commodore Morin Scott's letter (March 11) seeks the construction of a new sailing ship to provide sail training for the royal and merchant

The Royal Navy, after much de-bate in the early 1930s, decided that sail training was no longer relevant to the operation of modern naval vessels. As the then First Sea Lord, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield, emphasised, such ships expose young officers to a risk which would be virtually impossible to justify to the public should an accident occur. His fears have been amply borne our since then by the loss of several sail

training ships. Tall ships are no more immune today from the unexpected squall then they were in the past, and professional seafarers need practical sea training in the ships which they are likely to operate during their career at sea. The Marine Society considered that these factors were the most significant when deciding on a suitable training ship for young professional seafarers and accordingly has been operating its two sea-going motor-driven training ships for over five years.

Britain has sufficient sail training vessels of a size to meet the current demand for character development. All take young people seeking Duke of Edinburgh awards and all have difficulty in making ends meet without significant appeals to the public for donations. The tall ships of other nations are heavily, if not completely, financed from public

This nation is unfortunately not "essentially maritime", except in the eyes of a minority. While a large tall ship may help to offset the general lack of sea awareness, I would venture to suggest that the capital and annual income required for such a ship might be far better spent in a continuing campaign to draw the attention of the public, press, Parliament and government departments to the importance of maritime activities to the prosperity and peace

of this nation. Yours faithfully, RICHARD FRAMPTON, General Secretary, The Marine Society

202 Lambeth Road, SE1. March 12.

From Captain A. E. Thomson Sir, Morin Scott's plea for a large and prestigious square-rigger for Britain is understandable. Modesty probably prevented his pointing out that he was the father of our small and prestigious square-rigger TS Royalist, which has represented the Sea Cadets, the youth of Britain and

the nation at most of the International Tall Ships Races during her 20-year life. Royalist is in the midst of her midlife refit, which will lead to a reinvigorated second half of life, but requires £500,000. Thousands of city teenagers whose young lives can be transformed by their six days before

the mast will benefit. Yours hopefully, ANDREW THOMSON, Sea Cadet Headquarters, 202 Lambeth Road, SE1.

to run the services as businesses,

without actors dressing up to carry out our ceremonial duties. Each serviceman and servicewoman must prove themselves worthy before being granted the honour of wearing the uniform, and out-ofwork members of Equity have no more right to wear that uniform than they have to write Times editorials. Cardboard policemen, actors changing the guard - we are in danger of becoming as two-dimensional as some of the tourists who think we are

so wonderful. Yours faithfully, MARTIN RUBENSTEIN, Officers' Mess, Royal Air Force,

Kinloss, Morayshire.

Power politics From Mr Herb Greer Sir, David Evans's letter of March 12 about the American origin of "double whammy" was correct but

incomplete. The term was borrowed by cartoonist Al Capp from baseball players who used the "whammy" to spook the opposing team. The single whammy was "thrown" by pointing (usually at the pitcher) index and little funcers extended like borns the little fingers extended like horns, the two middle fingers held against the palm, in the rude comuto gesture

used originally by Italians. The double whammy used two hands like this, held palm to palm. Either gesture was accompanied by an evil-eye glare, monocular or binocular - depending on the

strength desired. I believe Life magazine once ran a picture spread on this curse, showing how it could be doubled and redoubled and tripled by several malign players crowding together and sticking up their hands all at once.

And yes, this did happen in the 20th

HERB GREER. 124 Fog Lane, Didsbury, Manchester.

March 12.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 16: The Queen held a

Council at 5.30pm.

There were present: the Right Hon John MacGregor (Lord President), the Right Hon the Lord Waddington (Lord Privy Seal) and the Right Hon John Wakeham (Secretary of State for Energy).

The Right Hon Timothy Sainsbury, having been pre-viously appointed a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, took the necessary Oaths.

At the Council, The Queen pricked the List of High Sheriffs for the Counties of England (other than Cornwall and those in the Duchy of Lancaster) and Wales. Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the

The Princess Royal this morning visited Gloucester and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire

(Mr Henry Elwes).
Her Royal Highness, President,
Save the Children Fund, visited
the Fund's shop at 7 King's
House, King's Walk.

The Princess Royal afterwards commissioned "Dart" for the Gloucestershire Afloat Riverboats Trust at Gloucester Docks.

Her Royal Highness, President, evening chaired the lecture given by Her Excellency Madame Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, London WC2. The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE March 16: The Prince of Wales received Dr Gwyn Prins at Kensington Palace. His Royal Highness received the Hon Nicholas Baring at

ington Palace This evening, The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, attended a charity pre-miere of Shining Through at the Odeon Cinema, Leicester Square, Mr Hugh Merrill was in

The Princess of Wales, Patron British Lung Foundation, attended the Corporate and Trust Research Tour and lunch at the Institute of Child Health, Guilford Street, WC1.
Wing Commander David Bar ton, RAF, was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

ture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00. The Prince and Princess of Wales will visit the Waterside Shopping Centre, Lincoln. at 12.05.

The Prince of Wales, as President of the Prince's Youth Business Trust and the Prince's Trust, will meet the recipients of the awards schemes at the Belton Woods Hotel and Country Club, Grantham, at 12.20; as Patron of the Macmillan Nurse Appeal, will

meet Macmillan nurses and pa-tients at the Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, at 1.40; and will visit HM Prison, Freiston, at 2.45. The Princess of Wales will visit St Francis's School, Lincoln, at 12.30 and St Barnabas Hospice,

The Princess Royal will visit the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf Train-

The Chartered Institute of Building

The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) announces that the following members have trans-ferred to the Fellow class and are entitled to use the designation FCIOB.

J P Aspinall, Manchester: B C Axford. Berkhamsted: G Barnes, Bedford: K W Blackburn, Sawbridgeworth; D G Bran, Liverpool: G T Brown, Richmond; C A Chainey, Gillingham; Alex Cheung

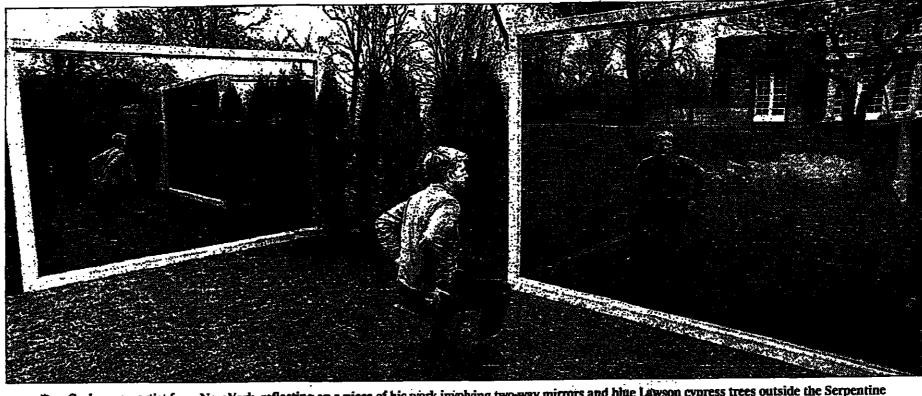
ing Centre. Lewknor, Oxford, at 11.35; and will attend the Ross McWhirter Foundation's annual Dicey conference Sport and the Rule of Law at St Edmund Hall at

Princess Margaret will preside a the annual council meeting of the National Society for the Preven-tion of Cruelty to Children at the Barbican Centre at 11.35.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the Institute of Advanced Motorists, will attend a luncheon given by the council at the Cavalry and Guards Club at 12.30. The Duchess of Gloucester will be admitted as a Fellow of Queen Mary and Westfield College,

London University, at 3.45; and, as Patron of the Ins Fund (for the evention of blindness), will attend an inaugural lecture at St Thomas' Hospital at 6.15.

Kwok Wal, Hong Kong, D W Cooper, Chalifont St. Peter, J H Crosby, Wirnsl, Merseyside; J Darby, Evesham: Mrs Coi Ning Linda Fan, Hong Kong: D R Galbraith. Stocksfield: E D Gill, Crowthome; J D Green, Banstead: A J Haigh, Wokingham: J H De Heer Graham, Ghana: D M Howells, Swansea: R W Howells, Linke Wenlock: P J Keane, Cambridge; P M LePen, Waltonon-Tharnet: R E Long, St. Albans: C J Morley, Letchworth: M A Milhelm, North Carolina: D R O'Flaherty, Camberley; K H Percival, Atrincham: M B G Puttick. Aylesbury: J A W Samuels, Phymouth: K L Scott, Ponterfact. J G Simikiss. Cowbridge: M W Smith, Tunbridge Wells: G R Thornas, London, NWI: S F Urwin, NSW. Australia: S J Woodward, London, SWI: R S Wright, Vigo Meopham: J E T Westlake, Chepstow: P J Wright, London, SE24: L J J Yadoo, Tadworth.



Dan Graham, an artist from New York, reflecting on a piece of his work involving two-way mirrors and blue Lawson cypress trees outside the Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London. The exhibition, called Like Nothing Else in Tennessee, focusing on space and reality, opens today

Birthdays today

Mr Justice Aldous, 56: Sir Donald Barron, former chairman, Midland Bank, 71; Viscount Bridport, 44; Lady (Megan) Bull, former governor, Holloway Prison, 70; Mrs Patricia Chipp. Prison, 70; Mrs Patrica Cripp, 100, Dr Sir Barry Cross, president, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, 67; Professor David Dilks, vice-chancellor, Hull University, 54; Vice-Admiral Sir Donald Gibson, 76; Sir Arthur Hockaday, former director-general, Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 66; Professor G.M. Hughes, anglosist, 67; Lieuten-Hughes, zoologist, 67: Lieuren-ant-Colonel Sir Edmond Joly de Lotbinière, 89; Mr Robin Knox-Johnston, yachtsman, 53; the Earl of Lauderdale, 81; Professor John Lill, pianist, 48; Mrs Penelope Lively, writer, 59.

Mr Rudolf Nureyev, ballet dancer and choreographer, 54; the Most Rev K.M.P. O'Brien, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, 54; Sir Parrick Reilly, diplomet, 83: Sir Raymond diplomat, 83: Sir Raymond Rickett, chairman, Council for National Academic Awards, 65: Miss Galina Samsova, ballerina, 55: Sir Patrick Sergeant, founder, Euromoney Publications, 68: Dr David Stafford-Clark, psychi-atrist, 76: Mr Michael Whitaker, showjumper, 32.

New Bishop

of Aston The Rev John Michael Austin. Director of the Board of Social Responsibility, diocese of London, and a Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral, is to be appointed Bishop Suffragan of Aston, in succession to the Pink Paul Calif succession to the Right Rev Colin Buchanan, on his resignation.

Dinners

Bentham Claib

Lord Mayor of Westminster

The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Sir Leslie Porter were hosts at a dinner held last night at City Hall in honour of the Italian Ambassador and Countess Attolico. Among others present

Lord and Lady Palumbo. Lady Forte. the Hon Rocco and Mrs Forte. Lady (William) Walton. Sir Roger and Lady (William) Walton. Sir Roger and Lady Herbert. General Sir Peter and Lady Herbert. Mr Mark and Lady Hurter Tennant. Mr Mark and Lady Hurter Tennant. Mr Andhony Shes. Mr Aminony Everlit, Mr Anthony Shes. Mr Aminony Everlit, Mr Anthony Sorvener. QC. Mr John Willan. Mr Ewan Ballour. Councillor Roger Anthony Servener. QC. Mr John Willan. Mr Ewan Ballour. Councillor Mr Mrs Timothy Miller. Councillor Marie-Louise Rossi. Count Pand Mrs Ronnie Raymond-Cox. Councillor Marie-Louise Rossi. Count Pand Filo de la Torre. Costrolior Judith Warner and Miss Trisha Stewart-Hodges.

Lord Justice Balcombe, President of the Maccabaeans, presided at the annual house dinner held last night at Lincoln's Inn. Professor Sir Hans Kornberg was the guest

Anniversaries

DEATHS: Harold, king of the English 1035-40, Oxford, 1040; Philip Massinger, dramatist,

Lord Signs of Hadley, a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, delivered the presidential address to the Ben-tham Club at the annual dinner held last night at University College London. Among others present were:

Lady Slynn, Senior Queen's Bench Master Topley (Queen's Remem-brancer), Judge Graham, QC. Master and Mrs Hodgson, Master Turner, Master Creightmore, Master Proble. Professor J. Ljowell, Professor E C Ryder and Professor M Mendelson.

Conference for Independent

Further Education
At the annual dinner of CIFE At the annual dunier of CIFE, held at Padworth College, near Reading, on March 14, the Chairman, Mr Anthony Bennett, the Vice-President, Mr David Jewell, the Principal of Padworth. Or Sheila Villazon and other members entertained The Right Hon the Lord Mayor of London and Lady Mayoress, the Rev Dominic Milroy, OSB, Chairman of HMC, accompanied by Mr Roger Griffiths, Mrs Averil Burgess, Chairman of the ISJC Policy Group, Professor John Dancy, Chairman of BAC, and other

London, 1639/40; François, duc

de La Rochefoucauld, writer. Paris, 1680; Gilbert Burnet, bishop, historian, London, 1715;

George Parker, second Earl of Macclesfield, astronomer, Shirburn Castle. Oxfordshire.

Shirpurn Caste. Oxforushire, 1764; Daniel Bernouilli, math-ematician, Basel, 1782; Christian Doppler, physicist, Venice, 1853; Isaak Babel, short story writer, Russia, 1941; Sir John Bagot Glubb (Glubb Pasha), com-mander of the Arab Legion 1939-56, 1986.

BIRTHS: Jean Nattier, portrait painter, Paris, 1685: Thomas Chalmers, first Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland, Anstruther, Fife, 1780; Edmond Kean, actor. London, 1789(?): Kate Greenaway, illustrator, London, 1846: Margaret Bondfield, first woman chairman of the Trades Union Congress (1923), first woman Cabinet min-ister 1929-31, Chard, Somerset,

Baroness Effot of Harwood Mrs Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Ladies Committee of the European-Atlantic Group held yes-terday at the House of Lords Baroness Elliot of Harwood, president, presided. Mrs Lynda Chalker, Baroness Ewart-Biggs and Baroness Seear also spoke.

Luncheons

and Baroness Seear also spoke.

Among those present were:
Mrs Tony Kandlero, Begum Humayan
khan, Mrs Boris Pankin, Mrs Frank
Krenz, the Countess of Limerick, Judith
Countess of Listowel, Jacqueline Lady
Killearn, the Hon Lady de Zulitera, Lady
Arcalus, Lady Dahrendorf, Lady
Dunnert, Lady Genorf, Lady Remores,
Lady Remort, Lady Remores,
Baroness Roll Beck, Miss Malla SenTosef, Frau Marianne Engler, Mrs
Verma Knezevic, Mrs Ello Sugino, Mrs
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C Abrahams-Curiet, Sheikha Shenda
Amery and Mrs John Churchill.

Rotary Club of London Mr Ken Standish, President of the Rotary Club of London, pre-sided at a luncheon held yesterday at the London Marriott Hotel. Dr Cyprian Blamines also spoke. The

Ambassadors of Luxembourn and Argentina, Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Mr Neville Shulman, Mr Nick Tarsh and Mr Tom

Receptions. Mrs John Major Mrs John Major was host at a reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street to mark London Fashion Week March

1992. Anglo-Somali Society Anglo Somali Society
Mr C.J. Martin, President of the
Anglo Somali Society, teceived
the guests at the spring reception
and annual meeting held yesterday at London House Brigadier M.B. Page, chairman of
council, presided at the meeting.
The Marquess of Alisa and Mr
longer Lohronn partmrs were James Johnson, patrons,

among those present.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.C.R. Birse and Miss D.A. Slater

Slater, of Sheffield. Mr J.C. Broinhead

The engagement is announced between James, son of Major John Bremhead and the late Mrs Denise Bromhead, of Timberley, Bury, West Sussex, and Lucy, daughter of Dr and Mrs Patrick Lawrence, of The Mill House. ffley, Oxford.

Kensington, London.

and Miss C.H.V. Cornwell

The engagement is announced between Sebastian, only son of Dr Robert Dunn, of Alexandria, Virginia, USA, and Mrs Sylvia Dunn, of York, and Carolyn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Cornwell, of Effingham, Surrey.

Jean Lilian Gibbs, of, Greet, Gloucestershire and will take place at St. Peter's Church, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, on April 4, 1992.

The engagement is announced between Tony, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Birse, of Leicestershire, and Debbie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter

ad Miss L.H. Lawrence

Mr LV. Croneen and Miss C.A.M. Revell-Smith The engagement is announced between Laurence, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Croneen.

of Sunbury-on-Thames, and Chantal, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Revell-Smith, of Mr R.S. Dema

Mr.A.E. Knowles and Mirs J. L. Gibbs The forthcoming marriage is announced between Adam Elliot Knowles of Denbury, Devon; and

and Miss S.L. King
The engagement is announced
between Robert, son of Mrs Nadine Todd, of Oxford, and Mr James Kynoch, of Hong Kong. and Sarah Louise, daughter of Mrs Cecilia King and the late Mr Joseph King, of Ruislip.

Mr J.R. Lloyd and Mrs E.E. Knott the engagement is announced between Rob Lloyd and Eve Knott, of The Old Rectory, Bradford Abbas, Sherborne,

Mr J.A. Nall-Cain and Miss S.J. Bremner The engagement is announced between James, son of the Hon David and Lady Katherine Nall-Cain, of St Judes, Isle of Man, and Sarah-Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Bremner, of Liorts, Andorra.

Mr S. Russell and Miss C.J. White The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Russell, of Shipton Bellinger, Hampshire, and Clare, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William White, of Stoke Abbott, Dorset.

Marriage

Sarianne Durie.

Mr J. Chubb and Mrs S.M.C. Darie The marriage took place in New York on Saturday, February 29, 1992, between Joseph Chubb and

LEGAL NOTICES

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Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver Avenue Estates Limited Programment of Registered aumber: 2427977. Treding name: Critina House Hotel, Nature of business like of appoint of a comministrative receivers: 11 March 1992, Name of any other Administrative Receivers: PR Copp and R Hocking toffice holder not 1788 and S222, Address: Stoy Hayward 8 Balter Street London Wild IDA.

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BIRTHS ADAMS - On March 16th. to Jan and Richard, a son, Thomas Richard, AL-HUSSEIN - On March 13th. to Antonelia (nee Harvey) and Abdullah, a son, a brother for Badia. ARUNDEL - On March 14th.

at Arundel Castle, to Georgina and Edward, a son, Thomas Jack. Thomas Jack.

BECK - On March 15th, to kim (née Davey) and Andrew, a son, Robert James DEACOCK - On March 5th. to

sister for Mercy.

DEVLIN - On March 12th, to
Julia - niee Hunter; and
James, a son, John Joseph

EGERTON-WARBURTON
On March 11th, to Flona rine
Bonham-Carter) and Charles,
a son, Plets.

ELLISON - On February 27th 1992 to Sally (nee Monlagu) and Crispin, a daughter, Harriel Dorothy Monlagu. Harrier Dorouty Morago.

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son. Harry Thomas, a brother for James. HALL - On March 15th, at the Humana Hospital Welling-lon. to Leigh and Josh. a son.

JOHNSON - On March 4th. at The Portland Hospital, to Alexandra (nee Maconick) and David, a son, Theodore. LIGHT - On March 12th 1992. at Quren Charlotte's. London to Elizabeth tree Wimbushi and Graham. a on, Frederick John George Son, Fredrick John George.

MEIKLE - On March 12th, to

Philippa inée Maini and
Bruce, a son. Douglas John.

MILLIGAN - On March 14th,

to Jane unée Morgan) and

David, a daughter, a sister

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NUGÉE - On March 13th 1992 in Munich, to Judith mee Brownel and Andrew, a on, Alexander Michael. SOR, Alexander Michael.

OKANO - On Marris I Illi, at
The Portland Hospital, to
Marquaret (Mineniko) and
Jeffrey. a son, Nicholas

Peter, a brother for
Alexander and Christopher. SCOTT - On March 13th. to Sarah Inée Archer) and Justin, a son, Barny Archer, A brother to Emily. SOUTHERN - On March 6th, to Julie and Andrew, a daughter. Claire Mathida Grace, a sister for Mathiew.

WALLBANK - On March 10th, to Bridget (née Smith) and Robert, a daughter.

Jane Wickham.
WHITEHALL - On March
10th, et The Portland
Hospital. to Hilary and
Michael, a son, Barnaby,
William Michael, a brother
for Jack and Mothy.
WHITELEY - On March 13th,
to Juliere and Justin, a son.

to Juliette and Justin, a son, Chartie Hamish Reginald. WILSON - On March 11th, to Julia (née Tingey) and Richard, a son, Henry David Oliver. ARROWSMITH-BROWN

Association, Whitecross Street, London ECLY B.J. BALDWIN - On March 12th, Street. London EC1Y SJJ. SALDWIN - On March 12th, after a short fliness, Edna Phylls, beloved wife of Tony, dear and loving mother of John and Lynne and grandmother of Jonio, Harry. Joanna. Kerida and Rocto. Funeral 1 pm Thursday March 19th at Chichester Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to St Richard's Hospital. Chichester.

BECKETT - On March 13th, Dorfs, peacefully in her 92nd year, much loved wife of Harold Edward (John) of Conwy House, Warren Road, Deganwy. Funeral Service lakes place on Wednesday March 16th at Colwyn Bay Crematorium at 12 noon. No flowers please, but donations in lieu if desired may be given to The Brillsh Heart Foundation Fund c/o Messrs Tom Owen & Son (Funeral Directors), 11 Bodhyfryd Road, Llandudno tel: 0492-860280 (24 haurs).

BLATCHLEY - On March 16th, pracefully et a nursing home in St Leonards-on-Sea.

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15th, pracefully a a numing
home in St Leonards-on-Sea.
Richard Polwhele, aged 81
years. Funeral Service at
Hastings Crematorium on
Friday March 20th at
12.30pm Engulries to A.C.
Towner Ltd., Funeral Directors, 2 & 4 Norman Road, St
Leonards-on-Sea. East
Sussex. let: 104241 436386.

ARROWSMITH-BROWN On March 13th 1992 at
Exeter Nuffield Hospital,
Robert, aged 67. of
Postbridge, much loved
husband, father and
grandfather. Funeral Service
at St Gabriel's Church,
Postbridge, on Wednesday
March 18th at 2.30 pm. No
flowers please, but donations
if desired for Cancer Relief
and St Gabriel's Church,
Funds c/o R.F. Hill Funeral
Director. Leusdon School
House, Poundsgate, Newton
Abbot, Devon, TQ13 TEP.
ASHTON - On March 16th,
Peacefully in Winchester.
Clare Louise Maumsell, eged
33. Formerby resident of
Hursley, Private cremation,
to flowers.
AUSTEM - On Sunday March
15th 1992, peacefully at
home in Canada with this foring family, after a long illness
most courageousty borne,
Reginald, in his 69th year.
BAKER - On March 15th,
suddenly but peacefully at
croft House, Great Dumnow,
Edward Stanley (Ted),
beloved husband of the late
Marion, father of Susan
Collins and Judy Tinney,
grandfather of Mark,
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grandfather, Ceren and David
Tinney. Cremalion at
Parmdon Wood, Harlow,
March 23rd at 3 pm. Thanks
giving Service at The Lickey
Church, Barnt Green to be
amnounced. Family flowers
only, Donations if desired to
The Chest Heart and Stroke
Association, Whitecross
Streel, Loadon EC1Y BJJ.

SALDWIM - On March 12th,

(0206) 576893.

GUEST - On March 4th 1992, at Putney Hospital. Evan Rhuvon, aged 91. Funeral al Carston Crematorium Waterd 11.48 am on Friday March 20th. Flowers to J.J. Burgess Funeral Directors. Alfred House. The Commons, Matfield, Horts. MARRINGTON - On March 13th 1992, pearefully after a short lilness in hospital, Reg. aged 55 years, of Wilmslow. The loved and loving husband of Janet, much loved father of Michael and Steven. He will be sadly missed by all the family and many friends. Funeral Service on Thursday March 19th 1992 at Wilmslow Parish Church at 1.30 pm. Family Bowers only. donations preferred to Cancer Research Campaign. C/o Prof. Harndon, Palerson institute. Christie Hospital. Manchester 20 983X. Enquiries to Albert R Sect. Wilmslow. Cheshire. 18: Wilmslow. Cheshire. 18:

DEATHS

WEBB - On March 12th, to BUIST-WELLS - On March HILLS - On March 14th 1992.

- Andrina (née Baldwin) and 14th 1992, after a long peocardily after a short final filmes, Anthony Robert French (Tony), in a nursing home, late of Chiddingfold. Loved brother of the late Barbara Hills. Funeral Service at SI Mary's Church, Chiddingfold. Monday Chiddingfold. Monday March 25rd at 2.15 pm, followed by privale cremation. No flowers piesse, donations if desired to Si Mary's c/o The Rector. Chiddingfold. Enquiries to Pirmar Funeral Service (0483) 67594.

HODSON - On March 14th. In hospital, Susanna Grace (née Lister) aged 92. Dearty loved wife of the late Bishop March Hodson. Requism and funeral on Tuesday March 24th in the Cathedral Church of the Hoty Trinity. Winchester at 11.30 mm to be followed by privale cremation. No flowers please, but donations. If desired, to USPG. Partnership House, 157 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8XA.

KENDALL - On March 12th. 1992, peacefully at Fowey Coftage Hospital, Nicholas, aged 39 years, of Pelyn. Lostwithiel. Cornwall Beloved husband of the late Frances, Funeral Service at Lantivery Parish Church on Thursday March 19th at 2 pm. followed by Interment in churchyard. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Lamilvery Church.

LADILAW-SMITH - On March 12th. Peacefully, Richard, beloved father of Charlie and Lulu and brother of Gillie Rowan-Thomson. Service at Yeovi Crematorium on March 24th at 12 noon. Flowers if desired serie C/o Harold F Miles F/D. Windian Cottage. South Cadbury, Yeovil, Somerset, let: (1965): 40367.

LEWES - On March 14th. peacefully. Capitain John Hest. OBE. RN Rtd., of Liamilyr. Lampeter. Dyfed. Bronglas Hospital may be diven to Owlfynt C. Price Son & Daughters. Funeral at Treffian on Friday March 20th at 3 pm. Flowers or donations to Meurig Ward. Bronglas Hospital may be diven to Owlfynt C. Price Son & Daughters. Funeral Drectors. College Street.

Alloess. Norman (BRU)
LD.S.R.C.S. Eng. Most dearly loved by his wife Nancy and his children Monica. June and William. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity. Bowerchalke. on Saturday March 21st at 30m. Family Rowers only.
CHALDECOTT - On March 14th. pencefully at Glangwill Hospital. Lt. Col. Olibert Henry Fleetwood Chaidscott RA. DL Loving husband of Louise. father and grandfather. Funeral Service. Thursday March 19th. 230 pm. at Parc Gwyn Crematorium. Narberth. Family flowers only. donations may be sent to The Selvation Army. 101 Queen Victoria Road. London. EC4P 4EP.
CRUINSHANK - On March 15th. peacefully at home. Margaret Adele. formerly of New York and The Economist'. Funeral at Putney Vale at 2.45. Friday March 20th. Flowers to 67 Warwick Way. London SWI on Thursday afternoon.
FLETCHER - On March 15th. 1992. In hospital. Bruce Alan. son of the late ALB. Fletcher and the late Mrs Barbara Douglas-Redding. Private cremation. po Rowers please.
FORTESCUE - On March 16th. suddenly at home. Prudence (Toodie) wife of Marth. Funeral at Donhead St Mary. nr. Shaftesbury. at 2.30 pm on Friday March 20th. The more Rowers the merrier. All enquiries to I.N. Newman Ltd., Funeral at Donhead St Mary. nr. Shaftesbury. at 2.30 pm on Friday March 20th. The more Rowers the merrier. All enquiries to I.N. Newman Ltd., Funeral at Dunstan's. Mayfield. on Friday March 20th. The more Rowers the merrier. All enquiries to I.N. Newman Ltd., Funeral bree of March 15th 1992, peacefully at his home in Mayfield. Brian Anthony. much loved and loving husband of Ann and falter of Jane and Sarah. Funeral at St Dunstan's. Mayfield, on Friday March 20th at 2 pm. Donations to Hospite At Home. C/o Paul Bysouth Funeral Erecultural Services. Crowborough. let: (0892) 665000.
GRAVES - On March 15th 1992. Vanesa Lée. Very much loved by Peter. Private aratiy funeral.
GREENSWITH - On Monday March 50 years. Muchoday for nearly 50 years. Muchoday for nearly 50 years. Muchoday Green Letter 1992.
ALR.H.S., V.M.M., aged 80 years for nearly 50 years. Muchoday Green Le

MELZAK - On March 14th, al Royal Free Hospital. Ernestina 'Baby' Beloved mother of Shella and Maurice, and sisler of Ilus. Vall and Macs. Cremation at Hoop Lane Cremation on Wednesday March 18th at 4pm. No flowers. Donations to The Royal Free Medical School Leuksemia Donation Account. (of Prof A.V Hoffbrand, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, London NW3 2QG.

1 eth. Daphne (née Meier) at Pligrims' Hospice, Canlerbury. She will be sorety missed by her family and many friends whose lives she brightened. Family flowers only. Donations to Pligrims' Hospice, Canterbury. Kent, would be much appraciated, Enquires to: Hambrook & Johns (0505) 265625.

Lampeter, Dyfed.

LTTLE - On February 25th
1992, peacefully. Beatrice
Margaret (Bea) at Ersham
House Nursing Home.
Hallsham. East Sussex. Bea
was late of Solve, Plymouth.
widow of John. mother of
Richard and Julia and
grandmother of Gall., sames.
Harriet and Abigail. A
Thankspiring Service was
held at Eastbourne.
Crematorium on March 9th.
Donations to Plymouth Age
Concern. Hoegale Street.
Plymouth PL1 2JB.

MILLER - On March 18th. suddenly. John G.O. aged 78, much loved husband of Christian and steptather of Auburn and Cherill. Small family funeral only.

Today is the Feast of Saint Patrick, "Apostle of the Irish". Massinger, dramatist,

Johns (0303) 266525.

RICHOLS - On Marrh 13th 1992. Brian Robert, aged 55 years, of Duffield, Derby, Very dearly loved husband of Gloria. Ioving Eather of Tim and Andrew and beloved son of Frank and the late Diana. Service al St. Altomund's Church, Duffield. Derby, on Thursday March 19th at 11 am, Flowers to G. Walhall & Son Lid... 101 Mackdin Street, Derby, and/or donadrons to Radiotherapy Trust Fund. Derbyshire Royal infirmary, Derby.

PRYOR - On March 12th.

Royal Infirmary, Derby.

PRYOR - On March 12th,
peacefully in London,
Verona Beabrice, beloved
mother of Penny, Timothy,
Sally and Anna. Private
cremation, Methorial Service
to be announced later. No
flowers but donations, if
desired to The Spastic
Society, 12 Park Crescent,
London WIN 4EQ.

Part STORY SALIL - On March

Worcestershire CV8 2LR.

RICHARDSON - On March
13th. Graham E. Late Rector
of Dollar. Headmaster of
Melville and Housemaster of
Fettes College. Beloved
husband of Cynthia.
Memortal Service at St.
Nicholas Church, Studland,
on March 20th at 3 pm.
Family flowers only but
domations for Mission for
Seamen. Enquiries to James.
Smith F/D, 60A Kings Road.
Swanage. Dorset. lat: 109291
422445.

DEATHS

London WIN 4EQ.

RALSTON SAUL - On March
14th. tragically as the result
of a riding accident,
Arabella. 17, adored
daughter of Alastair and
Lavendor, sister of Clarison
and William. Fimeral on
Saturday March 21st at 5t
Michael's. North Cadbury.
Somerset at 12 noon and
afterwards at The Red
House. North Cadbury. No
flowers. please, but
donations if desired to The
Mark Davies injured Riders'
Fund. c/o Brilish Horse
Society. Kentiworth.
Worcestershire CV8 2LR.
RICHARDSON - On March

23rd et 2pm.

SMITH - On March 14th 1992, peacefully al home, Jack Wilfred, much loved husband of Junk, devoted father of Janet, syst friend of son-in-law Victor and loving grandfather of Catherine and Natalia. Sadly missed and never to be forgotten. Cremation at 4pm on March 18th at St Faith's Crematorium. Norwich. Flowers to Gordon Barrier. 371 Aylsham Road, Norwich by 2.30 pm or donations if desired to Cancer Research.

MILLER-JONES - On March SAWDON - On March 12th.

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SHAW - On March 14th 1992. Reginald Cairns M.B.E. in St Albans. Heris. aged 85 years. Funeral Service to take place at West Herts Crematorium. Carston. on Friday March 20th at 1.15 pm. Family Bowers only please, but donations if desired, may be sent direct to Cancer Research. Enquiries to Philips Funeral Services (0727) 51006. SMEPHARD - On March 16th 1992, pencefully at home. Rupert Norman. Arlist. Father of Marylla, Caroline and Benedict. Funeral Service at Chelsea Old Church on Monday March 23rd et 2pm.

DEATHS SAWDON - On March 12th.
peacefully, Eleanor Sawdon.
of Adderbury and formerly
of Croydon. agod 77 years.
SKINNIER - On Sunday March
15th. al peace after a bravely
fought short libress, at City
Hospital. Nottingham. John
Llewellyn Skinner O.B.E.,
F.R.C.G.P., aged 62. Dear
husband of Jame and loving
faither of John and Tom. The
funeral service will be held at
St. Helens Parish Church.
Trowell, Nottinghamshire.
on Thursday March 19th at
2.15 pm followed by private
cremation. Family flowers
only, donations if so desired
for the Nottingham City
Hospital. Caronary Care
Unit. c/o G.T. Edwards
fillession) Ltd. 126
Nottingham Road, Ilkeston.
Dertuyshire DE7 SNW.
Telephone (0602) 325469.
STEVENS - On March 13th
1992. peacefully in the
Belmont Nursing Home.
Eastbourne. Gwendoline
Barbour, formerty of Lower
Cowden Farm. Five Ashes.
Mayfield. Sister of Shelle
Humphrey. Funeral at St
Ounstan's. Mayfield. on
Tuesday March 24th at 2pm.
Flowers if wished or
donations to St Dunstan's
Church Organ Appeal Fund.
c/o Paul Bysouth Funeral
Services. Crowborough. tel:
(0692) 658000.
STOREY - On March 11th
1992. suddenty at Kendal.

Services. Crowborough. lel: 10821 655000.

STOREY - On March 11th 1992. suddenly at Kendal. John Gordon. Musician. Loving husband and friend of Susan. Teacher of many. He will be sorely missed. Susan. Teacher of many. He will be sorely missed. Funeral at Kendal Parish Church at 12.15 pm Friday. March 20th 1992. followed by cremation at Lancaster at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations please to St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Social Care Unit. Trafatjar Square. London Wc2N 4JJ. "Music is a fair and giorious gift of Cod".

SUCKSDORFF - On March 13th, at St. Chartes Hospital. Ako. sped 84 years. Dear husband of Karin. Funeral at the Swedish Church. Harcourt Street. WI. on Monday March 23rd at 11 am. Thoranton - On March 14th, after a long liness courageousty borne. Christopher Edward. Funeral Service al St Mary's. Soulden. Fridery March 20th at 11.30 am. No flowers but donations in Heu may be sent lo Injured Jotheys Fund. P.O. Box 9. Newmarket. Suffolk CB8 8JG.

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WADE - On February 27th 1992. William (Bill to his (riends in the City) aged 44 friends in the Cityl aged 44 years. suddenly but peacefully at his London home. Bitl's funeral on Monday March 9th 1992 was at St Catherines Church. Burbage. Leicestershire. conducted by Father D Jennings. St Catherines. Father J Younger, St Peters and Father J S Mathews S.M.M., Father Provincial of St Clares Lodge, Liverpool. Bill will be sadly missed by his family and many friends. R.I.P. All enquiries to McCartneys Funeral Directors 104551 637138.

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after a long illness, borne
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Prayers at home at 8 pm on
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Jean Poiret, French actor, playwright and director, died in Paris on March 14 of a heart attack, aged 65. He was born on August 17. 1926.

IEAN Poirer's name is synonymous worldwide with La Cage aux folles. which he wrote in 1973. Its phenomenal success, first as a stage play, then as a film and later a Broadway musical, could so easily have eclipsed his acting and directing career in the cinema and theacre, as well as his more recent work as an adapter of stage plays. Poiret, however, was not a man to be overshadowed by one big hit.

From afar his slim, impeccably tailored silhouette was that of the beriect English gentleman. Within conversing distance, he was a Frenchman to his eloquent fingertips. To engage Poiret in conversation was to embark on a perilous adventure that could last all night and would leave you exhilarated, and exhausted from trying to keep up with his mercurial mind or match his ironic wit, which had a laser-like precision and accuracy.

Poiret first caught the public eye in 1953, when a chance meeting with a fellow actor, Michel Serrault, revealed a natural partner. Together they developed a cabaret act that had Paris helpless with laughter. Their loquacious sketches left none of the sacred cows of the day unmilked and the produce of those cows was turned into the crême de la creme of satire.

By the 1970s, Poiret, now married to playwright Françoise Dorin, had become one of France's leading film actors. The film director Jean-Pierre Mocky found a kindred humour in Poiret's acerbic irony, machine-gun delivery of dialogue and look of undefinable but undeniable anguish. Later he also became a favourite choice of Claude Chabrol. His best performance for Mocky was probably as the highly-strung,

JEAN POIRET



With Annie Girardot in Christian-Jacque's film La française et l'amour, 1961

over 2,000 performances and no

two audiences ever saw the same

wheelchair-bound Lourdes pilgrim in Le Miracule, and for Chabrol the urbane, silver-tongued police inspector in L'Inspecteur Lavardin, both released in 1986. With these Poiret perhaps came closest to revealing his own inner, private persona.

Serrault's own career followed similar lines, and indeed the names of the two actors often rolled side by side on the credits. It was in 1973 however that their partnership was cemented into French theatrical history, with the creation of La Cage aux folles, which brought homosexuality and transvestism out of the show. Depending on the state of closet and onto the stage, not as a mind of its stars, the play could last anything from two to three hours, subject to be sniggered about but as one that had all the ingredients of embellished with spur-of-the-mocontemporary farce. The action was ment visual and verbal gags. set rolling by the decision by the son, The next Poiret theatrical landfathered by one partner of a homomark was in 1980 with Joyeuses sexual couple, to get married. "Par-

Pacques — recently played in London as Paris Match. Once again ents" have to be presented to future Poiret was author and star. Nightly Poiret, the actor, also provided the he led the rest of the cast a merry masculine shoulder for Serrault's dance with ad-libs, which had audideliciously outrageous folle to lean ences clamouring for more. on. That first production ran for

HEINZ KÜHN

In recent years Poiret showed himself to have a flair for adapting foreign farce, with a penchant for

the work of Ray Cooney. He never pretended to be bi-lingual, but he knew how to take a ready-made story-line and, by introducing some subtle French stitches, tailor it to ftis own style. Points was always at his best in his own adaptations. On a good night, the 20 minute solilebuy in the 1991 French production of Neil Simon's Rumours, could last for over 40 minutes, in Point's inventive hands, as adapter and male lead.

Three days before he died, Poiret was nominated for a Molière (the Parisian equivalent of the Olivier Awards) for best adaptation: Sans Rancune based on No Hard Feelings by Sam Bobrick and Roh Clark. Trois Partout, the Point reworking of Ray Cooney and Toky Hilton's One For The Pot, has already been nominated as best

comedy.

He had just finished shooting Le Zebre - his first full-length feature film as a director - and was convalescing at his Paris home, after ill health had forced him into hospital for a few days. The film stars the actress Caroline Cellier. Point had lived with her for a number of years after the break-up of his marriage to Françoise Dorifi. He eventually married Cellier in 1989; they had a son, Nicolas. His daughter, Sylvie, by his first wife, had a small tole in Cage aux folles. After the tidal wave of success of

Cage aux folles Poiret and Serment had constant offers to repeat their partnership. They refused them all, deciding, probably wisely, to go their own equally successful ways. They met professionally on film sets from time to time and were constantly in each other's company as friends. However, shortly before his death, Poiret had hinted to Serrault that they should team up again on a Paris stage to do La Cage aux folles, Broadway style.

don national politics and return to lead

the SPD in North Rhine-Westphalia,

where the Christian Democrats were in

power. Three years later the SPD be-

came the strongest party in the state and

he eventually formed a coalition with the

Free Democrats (FDP) establishing a

model followed subsequently by the two

parties nationally to create a federal

His state government concentrated on

government

APPRECIATIONS

Menachem Begin

ADMIRED the full-scale scholarship and insight that went into the full page obituary of former Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin (March 10).

Yet I was non-plussed and even alarmed by the reference to the "strongly anti-semitic Polish army". It seems to reflect that strange Polonophobic attitute that "if it's Polish it must be antisemitic", an attitude and prejudice that many Jews from Poland like Menachem Beigin did not share.

Of course there are Poles who are anti-Semitic, just as there are British people who are anti-Semitic, but that should not be enough to tarnish a whole nation, or a whole nation's army with that brush.

Menachem Begin was able to leave the Soviet Union as one of 4,000 Polish Jews who ethisted in the Polish Army despite the vociferous protests of Stalin. When this army of former prisoners from the Soviet Union reached the British mandate in Palestine, the Jewish soldiers were keen to join in a struggle for an independent Jewish homeland. Some 3,000 Jews "de-

serted" the Polish Army, with the secret understanding of the Polish commander, General Anders, while Begin, now a corporal, decided to do so openly. It was the Polish Army's policy not to seek to recover and recapture these "deserters", despite the resentment of the British

administrators. General Anders felt that his task was to fight the Germans, while Jewish soldiers were keener on challenging the British and the Arabs. General Anders had no wish to command an army that would be divided on this essential task.

> Wiktor Moszczynski, Federation of Poles in Great Britain



Sir Harold Hobson

HAROLD Hobson (obituary,

March 14) was part of my inheritance when I became editor of The Sunday Times and I bequeathed him to my successor a dozen years later. in all this I never doubted that he was the best theatre critic that we could have had, less scintillating than some of his rivals but a true critic, giving his own honest judgment unblemished by popular fashion or professional ideology. Judgment in artistic matters is an art, not a science. It may be mistaken, but it is not invalidated by the failure or success of that which it declares good or bad, better or worse. Harold Hobson based his judgements on good sense, personal feeling and immense experience, but he was not obstinately committed to them for all time, and he was sensitive to criti-

cism from those whom he admired. Your obituarist rightly celebrated his courage and determination in surmounting

~ with the noble support first of his parents and then of his wife Elizabeth — his physical handicap. Let me add another proof of those quali-ties. Infected with love of French drama and the French theatre, he set himself, in middle life, to learn French; studying laboriously from gramophone tutorials, and becoming a master of the language. His chevaliership of the Legion d'Honneur was the proudest honour of his H. V. Hodson



MARIA SHIRLEY

Maria Shirley, art histori-an, has died aged 64. She was the editor of Lestie's Life of Constuble and author of a monograph on

Bonington. AFTER training at the Stade School during its wartime stay in Oxford, Maria Shirley met Kenneth Clark, who later

encouraged her to lecture on

the history of art. She came to

work increasingly for the

University of London extra mural department and was so successful that she was largely responsible for the enormous expansion of courses in art history in the post-war years.

By promoting courses leading to a university diploma. she supported rigorous academic standards, so that the diploma came to be recognised as a real qualification and consequently attracted able people to teach it.

1925

March 17 ON THIS DAY

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Edith Evans (1888-1976) was praised for her part in this play by Princess Ellzabeth Bibesco, the wife of Prince Antoine Bibesco. A woman of wit, charm and intelligence, she was the daughter of H.H. Asquith, later the Earl of Oxford and Asquith, the Liberal Prime Minister, by his second wife, the formidable Margot Tennant.

· EVERYMAN THEATRE.

"THE PAINTED SWAN"

BY ELIZABETH BIBESCO	
Thompson	HAROLD B. MEAD!
Lord William Cathcart	
Selina	ELISA LAND
Timothy Carstairs	ROBERT HARRI
Philip Jordon	
Lady Emily Catheart	
Ana (Lady Candover)	EDITH EVAN

They are all chartering and swopping epigrams about Ann, what an innocent she is, what an idealist what a saint. In her good works, though she is the wife of the Lord Lieutenant, she is no respecter of persons: she steers without disaster between the Scylla of

Ninian (Lord Candover)

Whitechapel and the Charyb-dis of the County.

She is not, you hear, in love with her husband. When she appears, you soon find out with

whom she is in love. "In" love, indeed, over head and ears in it, and with a man whom you at once see to be unterly unworthy.
of it. Her rhapsodies bore him. her childlike simplicity and sincerity he manifestly does not understand. Unhappy woman! To have such a husband, dry, dull and pompous, and to turn from him to such a lover! And yet so great is her power of idealisation, so beautiful the image of love she has in her mind, that she is actually happy, brimming over with happiness, when the poor crea-ture, her lover, can spare het a few moments from "the House". (He is a "rising"

goes on, the air is still thick with epigrams; but one evening there is a crashing discord. The rising politician is said to have rising politician is said to have ruined his career. He was absent last night from the House, where he was left in

charge of the party (if that is the right Parliamentary ex-pression). Scandal says that he was drunk, and, worse, had been seen in company with some wretched street-woman.

FRANK CELLIER

Stung by this scandalous report, semi-hysterical. Ann declares that she was the woman the man was with, that he is her lover. The talkers do not believe her. Her self-satisfied husband does not believe her. And the lover himself does not believe her, for the best of all reasons, because he knows that she has lied. It is, he tells her, in his rage at the damage caused to his political career by her declaration, the report of the others that is the truth. He was with that street-woman last night. He has ceased to love

Ann, never did love her as she understands love.

The play has a fine theme. developed with real dramatic power. Miss Edith Evans's acting as Ann is superb. She held the brilliant audience that curiosity about Princess Bibesco's play had lured to the little Everyman Theatre spell-bound in the scene wherein she discovered, with an agony of shame, how she had thrown

JAMES BROOKS

James Brooks, American artist, died on Long Island on March 9 aged 85. He was born in St Louis, Missouri, on October 18, 1906.

IN 1935 under the Federal Arts Project, in a develop-ment of Roosevelt's New Deal of 1933, the US government, as an investment for the future, allowed 5,500 poverty-stricken artists and art teachers a working wage. No stylistic qualifications were imposed, so that, as a result. a number of American artists who were later to become Pollock, de Kooning, Baziotes, Rothko, Gottlieb, Guston, and James Brooks were able to work without

pressure in their own way. When European artists arrived in America in the 1940s as cultural refugees. these American artists were ready to absorb the idea of the surrealists that spontaneous painting could reach deep

into the sub-conscious. A new group emerged from this fusion in the late 1940s to gain world renown as Action Painters or Abstract Expressionists. They were later known as the New York School and 15 of them were famously photographed by Life magazine as The Irascibles in 1951. Brooks had already been acknowledged as one of America's foremost mural artists, with his "Acquisition of Long Is-land" painted in 1937-8, for Queens borough library, and his 23-foot-long "Flight" of 1938-42 for La Guardia Air-

port, New York. James Brooks studied art at Southern Methodist University and at the Dallas Art Institute before going, in 1926, to New York where he studied in the evenings at the Art Students' League under Kimon Nicolaides and Boardman Robinson. After a period working for the Federal Art Project from 1938 to 1942, he served with the US Army as a war artist in

Europe and the Middle East from 1942 to 1945. On demobilisation James Brooks used successive teaching posts to fund his painting Columbia University, the Pratt Institute and Yale. He developed his style from a synthetic Cubism in 1945 to

and, under the influence of Jackson Pollock, poured paint on the reverse side of canvas in 1949. He differed, however, from Pollock in that he subsequently reworked the resulting stains. In his mature style of the 1950s, areas of colour - as much brushed as noured -- float over each other in a flux. In the 1960s, line was to intrude into these

areas of colour to set up a planned disturbance; but the overall mood remained the same. A retrospective of his work circulated from the Whitney Museum in 1963-4... When the 17 Abstract Ex-

onisis in the New Amer ican Painting exhibition arranged by the Museum of Modern Art, New York, came to London in early 1959, Brooks had already nearly 30 years of artistic development and teaching behind him.

The five paintings on show by him were not so extreme in format that they could not be related to European experiments; and his catalogue quotations were clear and confident. "The painting surface has always been the rendezvous of what the painter knows with the unknown, which appears on it for the first time." There is no more forthright a declaration, and no shorter path to man's richness, nakedness and poverty

than the painting he does."

Brooks was one of the more gestural of the Abstract Expressionists, or Action Painters as they were first known. He was often bracketed with de Kooning and Hofmann. But after the initial public exhibitions such as The New Decade in 1955 and 12 Americans in 1956, at the Whitney Museum and the Museum of Modern Art respectively, a measure of revisionism entered, favouring the formally planned over the spontaneous; so that by the time of the authoritative exhibition Abstract Expressionism: The Formative Years at the Whitney in 1978, Brooks was not among the 15 paint-

ers represented. However, Irving Sandler's two monumental histories of the Abstract Expressionists and the New York School place Brooks firmly with the first generation of that school. The Tate Gallery owns one painting by Brooks, "Boon" freer painter around 1948.

Heinz Kühn, German politician and journalist and minister-president of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia from 1966 to 1978, died in Cologne on March 11 aged 80. He was born in Cologne on February 18, 1912.

parents-in-law.

MEMBER of the German Social Democratic Party (SPD) from the time he was 16, Heinz Kühn was forced to flee his country shortly after the Nazi takeover in 1933, returning immediately after the war to help in the creation of a strongly democratic Germany.

The son of a carpenter who was an active SPD member and trade union

worker, he studied politics and economics at Cologne University, where he became very involved in the youth movement of the SPD, w party newspaper. Although the Nazis banned all parties when they took power, he went on trying to keep the SPD apparatus functioning but quickly realised his efforts were futile and that he was in danger.

He escaped first to Prague and then, as the Nazi empire grew, moved to Brussels and finally to Geneva in order to stay out of the clutches of the Gestapo. During his exile he earned his keep as a journalist, contributing to anti-Nazi papers such as Das freie Deutschland, published in Brussels. His mother had been a devout Roman Catholic and he had joined the church's youth group as a voungster. However, he was so disillusioned with what he saw as the Catholic church's collaboration with the Nazis that he eventually abandoned it and

pinned all his faith on his politics. Back in Cologne at the end of the war he joined the staff of the Rheinische



Zeitung as foreign editor in 1946, rising to become editor in 1949. By then he was already a member of the North Rhine-Westphalian state parliament in Düsseldorf and was increasingly becoming part

of the SPD leadership. in the next two elections and was a

school and administration reforms as well as on cleaning up the industrial wastelands of the Ruhr and Rhine. He was also deeply concerned by the in-equalities of wealth between the rich and poor regions of the world and devoted more time to this than his party liked. He wanted to study the problem at first hand and travelled widely, visiting underdeveloped areas in Asia, South America and Africa. This led to charges of weak leadership at a time when strong differences began breaking out within the coalition over economic policy. In 1978 he resigned, handing over to Johannes Rau, who has since led the SPD to an overall majority in the state.

tag and quickly became chairman of the parliament's press, film and broadcasting committee. He won Bundestag seats member of both the Council of Europe and the Western European Union.

In 1953 he was elected to the Bundes-

In 1963, however, he decided to aban-

Despite the local differences, he was still deeply respected nationally within the party and was Willy Brandt's choice as deputy chairman of the SPD in 1973. A powerful orator, he played an impor-tant role in developing the SPD's policy throughout the 1960s and 1970s.

In retirement he was appointed commissioner for foreigners, a kind of ombi-budsman, and he served in that difficult post for two years. From 1979 to 1984: he was a member of the European Parliament.

He is survived by his wife, Marianne, and their son.

FRANK HOLDEN

Frank Holden, astronomer, died in Stafford on February 21 aged 75.

FRANK Holden was a civil servant turned astronomer. After working as a land drainage engineer he was able to transform his spare time love of star gazing into a career which took him to America and South Africa, after he had won a mature student's grant which en-abled him to take a master's degree at Manchester. Thereafter he did important work, observing southern hemisphere double stars.

He was educated at St Ignatius School and the Catholic College, Preston, and Skerry's College, Liverpool, before joining the civil service where he worked as a land. drainage engineer for the

Ministry of Agriculture, and as a river gauging engineer for the Lancashire Rivers Board.

He had always been an active amateur astronomer, his interest in the subject having stemmed from viewing the total eclipse in Preston in 1927. He was a member of the British Astronomical Association for 49 years and a fellow and life member of the Royal Astronomical Society. He was honorary assistant

and demonstrator at the Jeremiah Horrocks Observatory. Preston, 1938-1956, and for ten years honorary secretary of the Preston and District Astronomical Society, which he had founded. He also lectured in astronomy for Workers Educational Extension Courses, North-East Region, 1952-1958. Throughout his life he encouraged others to take an interest in astronomy. In 1956, having been awarded a UK state (mature)

scholarship, Holden went to Manchester University and took an MSc in 1959 with a thesis on "Interferometric Observation in Double-Star Astronomy". The observational work for the thesis was carried out at the Royal Greenwich Observatory and at the Pic du Midi in the French Pyrenees.

Holden left Preston with his family in August 1959 to work in America. In Pennsylvania he taught at Swarthmore College, where he also carried out research at Sproul University and Drexel University. Later, he continued his double-star observations at Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Arizona, before being appointed astronomer-incharge of the University of Michigan's Lamont-Hussey Observatory in Bloemfontein. South Africa.

There he worked for nine years in visual observations of southern double-stars. Returning to the US in 1972 he was an observer at Lick Observatory, San Jose, California, and also a visiting observer at Certio Toloko and Las Campañas observatories

He retired from active astronomy in 1979 returning to England to live in Stafford. where he founded the localastronomical society, and on holidays visited astronomical observatories including Pulkovo near St Petersburg and Ulan-Beg in Samarkand.

He leaves his widow, Dorothy, and a son.

Science and religion

Archbishop's warning on the quest for a modern holy grail

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

TO PURSUE knowledge at any price may seem heroic. but it is a goal which may threaten too much that is human, the Archbiship of York, Dr John Habgood, said

in Houston, Texas. "In scientific circles the idea that it is possible to know too much, or worse, the prospect that there might be some areas of forbidden knowledge, are major heresies."

Dr Habgood, a former ference on genetics, religion He said there was a core of

should be inviolable. not 'What can we do?' but

human personality which

Dr Habgood said the hu-

man genome project in its early days was presented in a quasi-mystical way as the Borne up by such rhetoric blueprint for understanding human biology." He compared it to the quest

for the grail of medieval legend, symbolic of the quest for the secret of life. "It was also about magical powers. It has strong magical and religious overtones. But above all the grail was systematically elusive; it was the quest for it which became significant

ing it." In his lecture, The Perils of

Trying to Know Too Much. Dr Habgood said he could see the challenge of climbing the equivalent of a biological Mount Everest "because it is there". High-sounding language about the "essence of humanity" confusés the building blocks with the finished product. This confusion

"The fact that we share 98 per cent of our genes with chimpanzees does not mean that there is only a 2 per

chimpanzée and being human. Dr Habgood called for more emphasis on the inher-

ent limitations of scientific knowledge. Wide-spread ignorance of science can make isolated statements about doom-laden scenarios particularly alerming, as when the media describe people as living with "inherited genetic time bombs.

cent difference between being

demonstrator in pharmacology at Cambridge University, speaking at a three-day conand ethics, emphasised the need to respect individual privacy in genetic research.

> Given modern powers, the urgent question had become.

What should we do? he said. "Less compelling nowadays. too, is the assertion that knowledge is some kind of absolute value whose claims outweigh all other claims."

grail of human genetics". it became the unstoppable quest, the ultimate search for

the essence of humanity, the

rather than the hope of find-

can be disastrous, he said.

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Supergun enquiry ends in farce

By Sheila Gunn POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Iraqi supergun enquiry ended dramatically yesterday when two MPs jostled each other and every member of the Commons trade committee disputed the outcome. The air of farce pervading the twoyear investigation persisted into the press conference to launch the report on the last day of parliament.

The report criticises officials but steers clear of censuring ministers. Although the investigation never exposed the exact role of all parties in the saga, it did indicate the complacency within Western governments at the build-up of Saddam Hussein's military might before the Gulf war, when the rise of fundamentalism in Iran appeared to be the main threat in the region.

At the press conference, the Labour MP Stan Crowther and the Tory MP Keith Hampson fell out when Dr Hampson waved fresh evidence, which he failed to have included in the report, in the face of his colleague in the cross-party committee. Committee members then fell out with each other about apportioning blame between ministers. officials, security services, and the companies concerned for the exports of military equipment to Iraq in breach of the UN embargo.

Since the committee could not question the security services, and as evidence was withheld by the Tory MP Sir Hal Miller and customs officials, the enquiry left many questions unanswered. But the investigation did discover that, in the late 1980s. Sheffield Forgemasters and Halesowen-based Walter Somers built giant tubes as part of the supergun project and that one such weapon was found in Iraq pointing at

The members were divided between conspiracy and "cock-up" theorists, particularly on the actions of intelligence services. One of the rare paragraphs agreed by all 11 members comments: "We believe the long-range gun affair raises serious and important questions about the accountability of the intelligence services both to ministers and to parliament."

House of Commons Trade and - Exports to Iraq: Project Bab-ylon and Long-range Guns (Stationery Office)



Township tension: South African soldiers take cover in Alexandra township near Johannesburg after street battles took the overnight death toll in black violence to 13 on the eve of the whites-only referendum on the reform of apartheid. De Klerk's gamble, page 13

Old Spanish customs thrive at Expo 92

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN SEVILLE

THE first thing visitors to Expo 92 will see at Seville's shiny new airport is a poster showing wanted members of Eta, the Basque separatist group suspected of carrying out bombing attacks in the

But the terrorist threat is only one of the problems facing the organisers of Expo 92, the world fair which opens in Seville next month.

In the new, democratic Spain, the old Spain is never far away. Key Expo projects cannot now be finished on time, and there are big worries about profiteering, safety, security and drought.
The £22 million steel-and-

glass British pavilion, one of the biggest among the showes of 110 countries, is built, if not yet filled with exhibits. One of the central

London has a head start as

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one of the world's three big-

as through its experience and

expertise in cornering the ecu

celled out by Britain's refusal

to commit itself to monetary

union at Maastricht.

market. But Bonn hopes that

Germans demand bank support for the idea. This would inspire confidence that

rency union.

Continued from page 1 Kohl, the chancellor, pressed Frankfurt's case at the Maastricht summit. He promised the Bundestag that he would do everything to ensure that the EC chose Germany for the central bank.

Since then the growth of popular feeling against sur-rendering the mark has made the issue one of domestic importance for Herr Kohl. With polls showing a clear majority against currency union, the government believes that ensuring Frankfurt is chosen is the best way of winning back themes is the harnessing of the four elements — earth, fire, air and water — by British scientists. At the fair there are still vast quantities of the first to be moved; the second has already devastated the main exhibition hall; and the third will stifle summer visitors, especially since the

The first of 18 million visitors, expected during the fair'ssix months of existence, are about to descend on the Andalusian capital, which normally plays host to just 350,000 holidaymakers in an entire year. Several of the city's vital motorway interthe new common currency would be as stable as the changes will not be complete mark, and would appeal to German national pride and before summer. The new high-speed train link between Madrid and Seville, guarded by 3,500 soldiers, will start to popularise the concept of cur-

fourth is about to run out.

One of the victims of the frenzy to complete pavilions on time has been the Discoveries theme pavilion, gutted welder's torch ignited exhibits. A collection of rare books and one of Baron von Richt-

operate at the last minute, on

hofen's first world war planes were among the exhibits de-stroyed. More than a hun-dred fountains and 350,000 trees in hish gardens may help reduce the searing summer temperatures but it is still going to be very hot. The British pavilion will rely on a cooling wall of water unless the severe drought puts paid to it. Water restrictions are

already in force.

Food, drink and souvenir prices will be high as royalties have to be paid to state organise. It is no different in the city, where costs have in the city, where costs have already spiralled because of blatant profiteering. The Seville Consumers' Association has described hostelry prices as "a barbarity". Drinks are up 30 per cent, the cost of dining out has doubled and rents have tripled.

Relations between Expo and the city are strained. "They are just sweeping our problems under the carpet," complains Luis Pizarro, a munist opposition.

Leading article, page 15

there may be drizzle over western coasts and hills. The southeast will probably have some sunshine after early mist. Wales and northern England will have some rain this afternoon. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy, with rain spreading from the southwest. Northeast Scotland should stay dry until afternoon, and the northern isles until evening. Outlook: unsettled, with some rain.

Smith lifts 740,000 out of tax

Continued from page 1 trade gap. Nor did he spell out the presumed future path of public borrowing, simply relying on Mr Lamont's £28 billion figure for 1992-3 as the basis for tax changes.

Conservative borrowing plans for this year of £28 billion benefited from £5.5 billion in privatisation proceeds which would not be available to Labour. As a result the City reaction was muted. "Mr Smith said nothing about privatisation and I doubt whether he can count on this money, given Labour's existing policies," lan Amstad, UK economist at .US investment house Bankers Trust, said.

A group of businessmen, in a letter to *The Times* today, say the key election question is over which political party can be trusted to ensure continuity in the spirit of

Labour's Budget, pages 6-7 Leading article, page 15

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Political sketch

The lady sails proudly away

shadow budget, but to Ron Brown becking Black Rod.

and the presentation to Mr Speaker by Tony Banks of a stuffed badger. Read on ... As a public relations event, the shadow budget was a success. But if Wal-worth Road is to pack press conferences with claques of chargeders. Vanker-style. cheerleaders. Yankee style, to clap their man and jeer ournalists who ask awkward questions, then the occasions will have to be avoided. On television it may have appeared that the press were applauding Mr

press were applieding Mr Smith. We were not. I returned to the Commons. Parliament had galloped through remaining business. To watch 170 clauses pass in the twinkling of an eye was breathtaking. The sitting was then suspended while the Lords passed what the Commons had sent, and sent it back. Mrs Thatcher walked alone into the Chamber.

After years of making personal remarks about the former prime minister, perhaps I am permitted to say that yesterday she looked lovely. She wore very dark green with black collars and a diamond star on one lapel. She seemed quite composed. John Major was absent. Mrs Thatcher made for the government front bench, which was empty. What, we wondered rather nervously, had she in mind? The table on which the dispatch box sits — where

she had stood so many thousands of times — was littered with papers. Mrs Thatcher walked up and tidied the mess. She put the documents together into neat little piles, glanced at her bandiwork, and left.

I remembered how, when she was Leader of the Op-position, she would climb on to chairs to check for dust on top of the picture frames in the shadow cabinet room. "It's the way a woman knows that a room's really been cleaned," she once told us. By now we were ready for Black Rod. He arrived from the Lords. A new Black Rod

(the last one never recovered from a Dennis Skinner stage whisper of "I bet he drinks Carling Black La-bel"), he faced a situation no Black Rod has faced Ron Brown, the MP who

our party and is famous for

It was a privilege to attend the hirth of a new political tradition yesterday. I refer not to Mr Smith's cheefer but to Mr Smith's constant to make the state of aim to pick an argument with Black Rod himself? No: apparently the MP wanted to complain to the Speaker about something else. Only Ron Brown (if I may borrow from another

lager advert) can do this.
Black Rod ignored him.
MPs trooped off to the
Lords to hear the prorogation. Neil Kinnock being absent. Mrs Thatcher paired up with Frank Haynes, the retiring Lab-our MP for Ashfield. His booming and good-natured interruptions have always made her laugh.

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When they returned, it was time for Mr Speaker to send us home. It was his final duty. "I have to acquaint the House..." he began — and read out the completed bills: "Still Birth Definition Act. 1992. Traf-Definition Act, 1992, Traffic Calming Act, 1992..."
Then "by virtue of Her Maj-

esty's command", he pro-rogued the Commons. Mrs Thatcher, who had sat with her long-time sup-porter and friend, Gerald Howarth (C, Cannock & Burntwood), was almost the first to say goodbye. To a huge cheer she walked down the gangway, shook Mr Speaker's hand, and sailed proudly out. It was

Something ridiculous was required, and La-bour's Tony Banks provid-ed it. Banks was the star of the Badgers' Bill last year. When it came to his turn to say goodbye, he pulled from under his arm a large fluffy toy and handed it to the Speaker, whose wig shook in amazement. It was blackand-white, in synthetic fur. On closer inspection, a toy badger. Mr Speaker placed it at his feet, and carried on shaking hands. Finally the last MP, Sir Marcus Fox, said goodbye. The Speaker was alone in the Chamber. He picked up the badger. Waving the bundle of fluff in a final salute to the press

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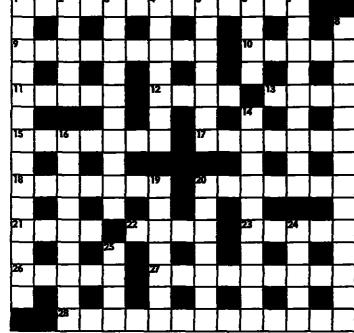
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in a final salute to the press gallery above, he left.

Mr Weatherill has been a splendid Speaker. He has extended and developed many parliamentary traditions: Who knows? In years to come the Presentation of the Badger, which will follow the Heckling of Black Rod and culminate in the Waying of the Badger may Waving of the Badger, may ancient British ceremony.

. MATTHEW PARRIS

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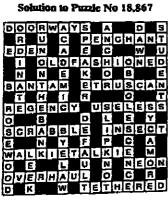
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ing equipment (7)
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25 Wrong set-up for this contracted revolutionary (4) Concise crossword, page 13 Life & Times section

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A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definit are correct? By Philip Howard

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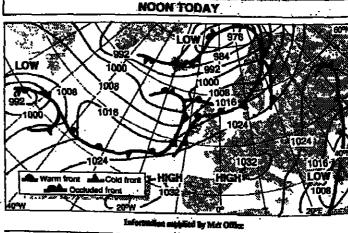
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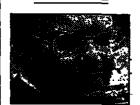
Peter Rawlins, chief executive, wants to broaden ownership of the Stock Exchange by selling shares to investment institutions and the public at large

LEAN MIX

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Rugby Group, which makes one fifth of British cement, suffered a profits fall in 1991 Page 21

WINDFALL



Martin Sorrell enjoyed a windfall \$15 million profit at WPP from so called golden parachutes which Page 21

ALL DOWN

IMI and Delta, two key British engineering groups, both suffered profits falls in 1991 Page 21

DRIVING SEAT



Robert Eaton has been noached from General Motors to succeed the legendary Lee Iacocca at Chrysler Page 21

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Offer of shares could value GPA at \$3.5bn

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

GPA Group, the Irish company built from nothing by Tony Ryan to become the world's biggest aircraft leasing organis-ation, has started the clock for a three-centre international public offer in June that could value it at about \$3.5 billion. Share listings are planned in New York, London, Dub-

lin, and eventually Tokyo.

GPA, which accounts in dollars, manages a fleet of 392 aircraft, which have a weighted average age of only 3.7 years and are placed with 100 airlines around the world. Its forward buying accounts for about 10 per cent of the world's commercial assenger aircraft orders. GPA makes more than half its profit selling aircraft with

FINANCIAL markets react-

ed quietly to the Labour party

budget proposals yesterday. The pound rose slightly and the FT-SE 100 index fell 5.3

Confirmation by John

Smith, the shadow chancel-lor, that Labour is still com-

mitted to move sterling into the narrow band of the ex-

change-rate mechanism was

said by foreign exchange dealers to have helped steady

the pound in the foreign ex-

The pound rose nearly

three-quarters of a cent in

light trading to reach

\$1.7170 at the official 4pm close. By lunchtime in New York it had rallied to

\$1.7205. Against the mark it

was almost unchanged to close at DM2.8579. The

trade-weighted index gained

Economists said they were suspicious of Labour's finan-

cial plans because of the lack

NESTLÉ, the Swiss food

g.oup, and Banque Indosuez

enjoyed a significant boost in

the battle to gain control of

Perrier when a Paris court

yesterday sequestrated a 13.8 per cent block of shares

owned by an ally of Italy's

Agnelli family. For the

Agnellis, the court decision

amounted to their second

Exor, an investment and

property vehicle indirectly

Earlier this month, a court in Nîmes suspended the onethird stake in Pertier held by

consecutive legal setback.

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points to close at 2,470.7.

agreed to remain as chairoperating leases to third-par-The flotation has been

planned to raise new funds, possibly between \$500 million and \$700 million, and to allow some of the group's institutional shareholders, including Air Canada and Aer Lingus, to sell part of their holdings. The total public offer, aimed mainly at financial institutions, could reach \$1 billion

As part of a management shake-up, Maurice Foley, who was due to step down as president of GPA in October to become a non-executive deputy chairman, is instead to become chief executive. Dr Ryan, GPA's chairman since 1985, has been chief execu-tive since founding the com-pany in 1975. His contract expires in 1994, but he has

of forecasts in Mr Smith's

announcements. They were

disappointed that he made no

forecasts of government bor-

rowing. Some expect the

PSBR to rise sharply in 1993

from the government forecast of £28 billion.

Kevin Darlington, from UBS Phillips & Drew, said that the alternative budget

had failed to convince inves-

tors that Labour would not

devalue sterling if the econo-

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al, said investors were giving

Labour's economic plans the

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The two court rulings have

cleared the way for an open

battle, with Nestle expected to

group at Fr13.3 billion.
The Paris stock market re-

Gerard Lyons, chief econo-

my failed to recover.

Markets quiet on

Labour proposals

Perrier shares ruling

opens way for Nestlé

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

dential of America, Irish Life,

Sutherland, formerly Ire-land's EC Commissioner.

GPA shares have been traded privately for several years, but the flotation will confirm that the enterprise



his family. The flotation was planned for last year but put off because of the Gulf war.

move first with an improved bid. Both Nestlė/Indosuez and Exor are bidding Fr1,475 each for shares in Perrier, valuing the whole financial year. But the group made record quarterly profits of \$73 million in the three sponded to the court verdict months to end-December. by marking up Perrier shares Fr15 to Fr1,651. Comment, page 23

changes were designed to sep-arate the roles of chairman and chief executive. The listing plan is something of a coup for Nomura International, the Japanese house, which is to be global

co-ordinator for the threecentre offer and lead manager in Japan, continental Europe and other territories outside the British Isles and North America. Goldman Sachs and Merrill Lynch will lead the sale in America, and Schroders in Britain and Ireland, where BZW and Davy Stockbrokers will act as brokers.

man until mid-1996, when

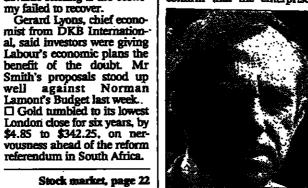
he reaches the age of 60. Sir

John Harvey-Jones, also a

deputy chairman, said the

Dr Ryan, who, like Mr Foley, was an Aer Lingus executive, set the company up as Guinness Peat Aviation with backing from Guinness Peat, the former banking and commodities group, using tax advantages then available for being based at Shannon in the west of Ireland. Since then, GPA has built a register of big shareholders, includ-ing Mitsubishi Trust, Pru-

the Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan and Citicorp. Among politicians and businessmen woold to Dr Ryan's board are Garret Fitz-Gerald, former Irish prime minister, Nigel Lawson, the former Chancellor, and Peter



Ryan: founder has made many millionaires in Ireland. Senior management and employees still own or have rights to about 15 per cent, which, depending on the flotation price, is likely to be worth about \$450 million. This includes about 8 per cent owned by Dr Ryan and

GPA's after-tax profits, which grew to \$242 million in the year to March 1990, edged up to \$262 million last year and fell 12 per cent in the first half of the current



Dividend hammered as Christies plummets

By COLIN CAMPBELL

LORD Carrington, chairman of Christies International, believes auction sales have now stabilised.

After 1991 sales fell to just above half 1990 levels, pretax profits plunged from £43.1 million to £6.36 million for the year to December.

The group yesterday cut its final dividend from 6p to 1p, leaving shareholders with a total 3.3p (8.3p) a share, the first time in 19 years as a listed company that Christies dividend has been uncovered. by net earnings, down from 14.43p to 2.12p a share. In the stock market, the shares fell 12p to 115p.

Lord Carrington said in

1991 only 61 lots were sold for more than \$1 million each, compared with 143 in year's most valuable items sold were Titian's Venus and Adonis (£7.48 million) and Racehorses by Edgar Degas (E6.05 million). A portrait by Hans Holbein, A Lady with a Squirrel and a Starling, belonging to the Marquess of Cholmondeley is due for auction shortly, and could realise £15 million.

Operating costs were cut 14 per cent to £101 million and employees reduced by 12 per cent. For the second year running there was a salary freeze for all directors, including Lord Carrington and managing director, and for senior personnel.

Lord Carrington

Christies, because of the international nature of its operations, should be largely unaffected by the outcome of the general election. There had been some "positive" impact for Christies from the financial problems of "names" at Lloyd's, but that Japanese buyers had all but withdrawn. Lord Carrington said he sensed, however, that the

market could soon improve because knowledgeable collectors were beginning to think that the "floor" had been reached. Tempus, page 22

Nikkei hits lowest close in five years

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE Tokyo stock market's Nikkei index closed below the 20,000 mark yesterday for the first time in five years, prompting quiet pessimism rather than panic in markets that have been expecting such

a fall.
Closing yesterday at 19,837.16, down 618.9, the Nikkei index has lost nearly half its value since an economic boom sent the market soaring to a 38,915.87 peak

in December 1989. Analysts in Tokyo believe there is no reason why the market should not fall further over the next few weeks, given the lack of domestic institutional buying power in the run up to the fiscal year-end. But the decisions of foreign investors, particularly Ameri-can and British pension fund managers, the only major buying force in the market over the last 14 months, could be crucial to the Tokyo mar-

ket in the next few weeks. Gareth Evans, of the equity. sales department at Baring Securities in Tokyo, said: "Foreigners bought Y5.6 trillion in the Tokyo stock market last year on the premise that the Japanese economy

would improve and that the Nikkei would be supported at the 20,000 level. Both have failed. If foreigners become net sellers and domestic institutions fail to take up the slack, the Nikkei will tumble very fast. The next few weeks will be critical."

Economic factors, at least until the end of the fiscal year, are doing nothing to lure foreign investors into the market, although they re-mained the strongest net buyers during January and February. Domestically, selling pressure vastiy exceeds buying pressure because finan-cial and other corporations are selling stock to realise losses and institutional buy-

able until after the year end. Tsutomu Hata, the finance minister, said the economy was sound and no new stimulus was necessary, dismissing expectations of an official discount rate cut. Yasushi shares in the Ladbroke Group, Mieno, the Bank of Japan as well as gilts worth £16.800 governor, also dismissed such from the company's pension expectations. The yen fell to Y 134.30 against the dollar.

ing power will not be avail-

Wall Street, page 22 under the 1968 Theft Act.

Ex-Farr chief on pension theft charges

BY OUR CITY STAFF GERALD Smith, former chief executive of Farr Group, appeared in Bow Street Magistrates Court in central London yesterday facing 14 charges that allege he stole £1.2 million from the compa-

ny's pension fund. Mr Smith, aged 36, was re-manded on bail of two bonds of £50,000 on condition that he live in his home in Islington, north London, and tells the police about any travel

The charges follow an investigation by the Serious Fraud Office into Farr, a construction company in Westbury, Wiltshire, which went into liquidation in December 1990.

Mr Smith is accused of stealing a cheque worth £990,000 from the trustees of the Farr Group Pension

Fund in September 1989. He is also alleged to have stolen 9,000 Hanson shares, 4,500 BAA shares, 6,000 Barclays Bank shares, 6,500 J Sainsbury shares and 2,800 fund between January and February 1990. All the

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High-flyers learn to mind their language FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH

IN SPA, BELGIUM THE head of a German fi-

nancial group looked up a split second too late. As the authorities swished into the room the banker was caught red-handed: fraternising with an Australian diplomat and a London businessman. There was no point beg-ging for mercy — their conversation had been in

English, not French, so corrective measures would They were in a beautiful mansion outside the town of Spa. Many residents dream of escape, but they all serve out their time. They are

volunteers. The residential language courses run by CERAN are based on a concept of total immersion. For the high-flyers who sign up, it means a gruelling 66 hours of listening and speaking a foreign tongue in any five-day per-iod Breakfast with the teach-



8 am. No room for the morning grouch here; it is time to practice asking for the basic food on the table to be passed along, or starve.

Then it is off to the classroom for a lesson specifically designed for each person's professional needs. There is a coffee at 10.30 with the teachers, and then it is into the supervised language lab-oratory for another 90 minntes. Lunch, audio-visual lessons, tea-break, an individual lesson and dinner folthat only the "target language" is used. On the roof is a little nest

of satellite dishes, allowing CERAN to receive television broadcasts from dozens of countries. Each evening, after dinner, students watch the appropriate news broadcast. Then comes a discussion, carefully guided by instructors, and, mercifully, bedtime.

The school was started in 1975 by Rene and Monique Bastin. Both returned to

di, where he was an education inspector and she had been a teacher. Dirk Van Nieuwenborgh, the director, said: "Time is

precious to the type of people who come here, so we promise them the maximum progress in the minimum time." He can say the same thing in four other At present, the most popular languages are English and French, with German a

close third. CERAN also provides immersion courses in Dutch, Spanish and Italian. Mr Van Nieuwenborgh is reluctant to promise that the centre can bring a student from no knowledge of a language to fluency in a week. For Japanese executives, three weeks of hardship are

often necessary for even basic conversation in a European language. If anything, he is erring on the side of caution. It might be like an open prison, but it works.

Trust in

US lifts

Alliance

Alliance Trust, the Dundee investment trust, beat the FT

All-Share index by more than 5 per cent in the year to end-

January, spurred by the spong performance of Wall

Net assets increased 24 per

cent to £15.39 a share, com-

pared with a rise of 16.5 per cent in the index. Pre-tax

revenue gained 6 per cent to £30.6 million and the trust is

increasing its final dividend

by 2p to 29p to make 43p for

The trust attributed its suc-

cess to its holdings in Ameri-

ca, where almost a third of the

Stronger fabric

helps Mayborn

Mayborn Group increased

pre-tax profits 75 per cent last year, helped by a strong

recovery in margins in the

fabric dyes division. Pre-tax profits rose from £1.6 million to £2.7 million, lifting earn-

ings from 7.4p a share to 10.1p. The dividend rises

from 3.8p a share to 4.2p, with a final of 2.8p (2.5p).

Operating profits of £3.4 million were up 28 per cent on turnover only 9 per cent higher at £33 million.

the year, up 7.5 per cent.

assets are invested.

Eurobank and Air France buy Czech airline stake

THE European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Air France will take a 20 per cent stake each in Ceskoslovenske Aerolinie (CSA), Czechoslovakia's nat-

The deal is the largest equity investment and the 17th investment in all undertaken by the European Bank. The share sale forms part of the Czechoslovak federal government's programme for the privatisation and fleet modernisation of CSA.

Like other eastern European airlines, most of CSA's aircraft were built in the former Soviet Union and are considered technically out of

The equity investment is part of a programme to raise sufficient cash to bring CSA closer to western standards. Under the agreement, the European Bank and Air

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Jacques Attali: not involved in the deal

France, in conjunction with La Caisse des Depôts, the French savings bank, will each invest 23 million ecus (£16.5 million) in the form of

The Czechoslovak National Property Fund will hold 40 per cent and other Czechoslovak institutions will hold the remaining 20 per cent of the

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equity. The agreement marks the first significant western equity investment in an eastern European airline, after Treuhand, the German privatisation agency, failed in its attempt to rescue Interflug. the former East German state

East Europe's airline business is widely considered to present strong growth prospects, but investors are sometimes deterred because of the large-scale investments needed to make an east European air carrier commercially

CSA serves 52 destinations in 40 countries, with a growing amount of revenue stemming from services to western

.The bank said that the deal was spearheaded by Ron Freeman, vice-president, and did not involve Jacques Attali, its president, to avoid a possible conflict of interest, since Air France is headed by Bernard Attali, his twin brother.

Natural gas deal agreed with China

FROM LULU YU

A JOINT Hong Kong-American venture is set to become the first importer of natural gas from offshore southern China, boosting a Chinese oil and resources industry full of potential but lacking techni-

China Light and Power and Exxon Energy have agreed to buy the gas from Hainan Island for 20 years, starting in 1996. The gas will be transported to the colony via an underwater pipeline.
Including building of the plant and the purchase of

gas, the project will cost China Light an estimated HK\$30 billion (£2.27 billion). The publicly-listed company. controlled by the Kadoorie family, last week renewed its 15-year franchise with the government to supply elec-tricity until 2008, making it the first utility to clinch a Chinese approved contract that straddles the 1997 sovereignty changeover.

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NB Group, the insurance broker that was floated last November, has beaten forecasts with a pre-tax profit of £20.1 million for last year, up a third, after a record contribution from its reinsurance division.

The profit was £400,000 higher than the group's forecast at the time of its flotation. despite a sharp fall in American earnings. JIB is paying its first dividend of 5p, as forecast, and said it would have paid a total of 7.5p in dividends if it had been a

public company all year. JIB, a majority-owned subsidiary of Jardine Matheson, the Hong Kong trading group, has bought a 27 per cent stake in SIACI, a French broker, to expand into continental Europe. The deal was a share swap in which SIACI and its shareholders took 6 per cent of JIB. John Barton, JIB's chief executive, said the link-up is already producing additional business.

Most of the increase in JIB's profits came from interest of £2.6 million earned on the £50 million cash injection made by Jardine Matheson last June. Mr Barton said the group now has net cash of more than £70 million and is looking for acquisitions in Britain, Europe and the Far

JIB's flotation was three imes oversubscribed, at 195p, last autumn. Since then, market concerns about the insurance broking sector have depressed the company's shares, which fell 2p to 188p yesterday.

The broker's reinsurance

MTM asks

auditor

for report

By Martin Barrow SHARES in MTM fluctuat-

ed wildly after the speciality chemicals company gave warning that it may be un-

able to publish its delayed

financial results for 1991 on

Donald Mackay, appoint-

ed caretaker chairman last

week after the sudden depar-ture of Richard Lines.

founder of the company, said

the restructured board has

asked BDO Binder Hamlyn,

MTM's auditor, to report on

the financial impact of pro-

posed changes in accounting

A shortfall in profits is

expected because of the

changes ordered by the audi-

tor, which is taking a tougher

view of the valuation of fixed

assets. However, one week

after warning shareholders of

the likely result of the revalua-

tion, Mr Lines revealed that

trading in 1991 failed to

match City expectations. One

The latest statement sent

MTM shares recling from

70p to 55p, although they

promptly rebounded to 84p

with market-makers focusing

on weekend takeover specula-

tion. The shares were worth

280p late last month.

day later he and Tom Baxter, finance director, tendered

their resignation.

March 31 as promised.



Facing the challenge: John Barton, head of JBI

Bérégovoy urges

interest rate cuts

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

division increased profits 22 per cent to £10.7 million. Reinsurance premiums rose sharply last year and capacity fell due to the many natural catastrophes in 1990.

Mr Barton stressed that the profits were exceptional and unlikely to be repeated this

By contrast, retail broking profits from America fell 34 per cent to £2.58 million premiums and low interest

THE French finance minis-

ter. Pierre Bérégovoy, has called for lower European

Community interest rates

and enhanced co-ordination

of monetary and fiscal poli-

His comments reflect

strains in the exchange-rate

mechanism caused by Ger-

many's high interest rate poli-

cy as the rest of the

community slides towards re-cession. His demands are

likely to be ignored at the German Bundesbank, which

seems determined to pursue

The German authorities re-

ject the concept of Communi-

ty procedures to co-ordinate

monetary policy, at least be-

fore the introduction of a

single currency in 1997 at the

French financial daily news-paper, M Beregovoy said:

The aim of this international

co-ordination is that each

position to accept without de-

performance. A temporary

deficit in response to a short-

run economic situation is acceptable as long as it remains

under control." Interest rates

most of this year.

earliest.

policy of tight money for

cies among members.

rates. JIB has responded by closing or selling seven of its American branch interests. which raised \$9 million and made an extraordinary profit of £402,000. Those businesses broke even last year on a \$16 million turnover.

Mr Barton predicted that 1992 would be a challenging year because of the continuation of recession in many parts of the world and the

were too high and they needed to be cut "first of all at the

The German government,

under pressure from the

Bundesbank, rejects the no-

tion of a formal decision-

making community level until the atrival of the single

currency. The Maastricht treaty has accepted this pos-

ition and despite M Bere-

govoy's call, the decision-

making process in monetary

and fiscal policy will remain

The ability of other com-

their rates is constrained by

Germany's policy to keep in-

terest rates high in order to

counteract strong growth in

at the national level.

European level".

BPP advances against odds Although the Gulf war and the recession affected its bestknown business, the

Linguarama language school, BPP Holdings managed a rise in pre-tax profits from £5.2 million to £6.4 million in the year to end-December. Shareholders, who put up a

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further £12.4 million in a onefor-four rights issue in April to fund further expansion, are rewarded with a final divi-dend of 4.5p, lifting the total from 6.3p to 6.9p.

Medeva buys

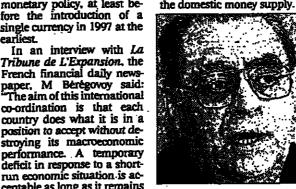
Medeva, the niche pharmaceuticals business chaired by Bernard Taylor, formerly chief executive of Glaxo, is adding to its range of specialist brands with the purchase of the worldwide rights for two hepatitis B products, a vaccine and a treatment, for a total of £9.26 million. A sum of £3.86 million is payable immediately and the balance will depend on further suc-cessful development work.

Metalrax up

Metalrax Group, the engineering specialists, achieved a record pre-tax profit of £7.21 million (£7.13 million) in the year to end-December of record profits. For the 23rd consecutive year, there is a one-for-ten bonus issue. A 2.9p final (2.58p) makes 3.9p (3.49p) for the year.

Intercare deal

Intercare Group, the healthcare products concern, has conditionally agreed to buy Birmingham Optical Group for a maximum profit-related £4.33 million in cash and shares. Intercare is raising a further £3.52 million through a share placing and a one-for-4.6950 offer at 128p. The shares have been conditionally placed with institutional investors. Existing shares



Bérégovoy: call to EC

rose 2p to 141p.

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AND THE PROPERTY OF SOME AND NEWS IN BRIDE. Last year's total dividend was ISA INTNL (Fin) Pre-tax: £2.12m (£2.83m) 1.288p. Turnover rose to £76.4m (£71.4m), with strong German contribution. Gearing below 10%.

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HONEYSUCKLE GP (Int) Pre-tax: £589,000 EPS: 4.7p (1.5p) Div: Nil (nll) NEEDLER GP (Fin) Pre-tax: C\$1.74m(\$6.66m) EPS: 3.4 cents Div: 4.5 cents

Last year's interim profit was £243,000. The company expects to pay a dividend for the full year. Growth prospects excellent Total dividend is 7 cents. Last year's EPS was 4.2 cents. The dividend was 10.54 cents. Gradual improvement likely this year.

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med to SEK 26.302m (42.470m) compar Europe's high speed trains rely on rolling bearing from SKF, the world's leading manufacturer. Today, more and still faster trains are being pla to solve mass transit problems in Europe and

SKF is part of this growth industry and holds a The new generation of German high speed Into r-City Express trains are equipped with

around the world and to reduce both air and road

1991 SKF Group Results

For SKE 1991 was characterised by a number of considerably reduced level of demand. This programme of measures will strengthen th

Group a competitiveness and provide a sound base to take advantage of the expected upswing in 1993. Consolidated result after financial income and expense amounted to ~221 million Swedi (£-2km) in 1991, compared with SEK 1.750m 12167m) in the preceding year. Group sales

with SEK 27,766m (£2,644m) charing the same

The group made a net loss for the year of SEK 1.177m (£111m), compared with income of SEK 1.014m (£97m) in 1990, SEK 907m (£85m) was attributable to losses from Ovako, the Group SKF Group income for the year and includes SEK 500m (£47m) for estimated losses in 1992 of Ovako Profiler AB, and the closing down of

Among positive developments for 1992 are new very agreements in the automotive, railway and aircraft sectors, with major manufacturers in the U.S., Europe and South Korea. A dividend of SEK 4.25 (40p) per share is proposed, which is unchanged from 1990. For a copy of the 1991 Annual report, please contact SKF Group Public Affairs, S 415-51 Goleborg, Sweden, Tel: +46-31-371000.

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builder and property group that last autumn bucked the Section 1 sector's trend with a rise in

> David Wilson, chairman, described the results as "excellent", given the depressed market, but the shares gave up 10p to 430p in initial response. Last March, the company raised £34.1 million through a

forecasts are borne out.

changed costs. "If this proves

nants will have to be adjusted

and further cash facilities ne-

gotiated," the company said.

net revenues were 4.7 per

cent lower at £1,204 million

and there is again no divi-dend on the ordinary or pref-

erence shares. The figure was

at the top end of City expecta-

tions but has been inflated by

an unexpected exceptional

item of £17.7 million.
The shares reacted by fall-

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BY MATTHEW BOND WILSON Bowden, the house-

first-half profits, failed to

maintain the momentum for

the rest of 1991. Pre-tax profits

fell 7.6 per cent to £27.8 million, despite a 5.3 per cent increase in sales to £135.9

Pre-tax profits for the year

end-December fell from

rights issue, enabling it to finish 1991 with no borrowings, despite £24 million of acitions that expanded its land bank by the year-end from 6,200 plots to 7,900 plots with planning permission. The company said since the year-end the balance of the rights issue proceeds had been committed. Shareholders' funds were £157 million.

Mr Wilson said the second half had failed to produce the hoped-for recovery in the housing market, which made him refuctant to predict whether it would arrive this year. "No recovery appeared and we still await the return of solid cus-tomer confidence. I must be cautious about the current conditions and immediate prospects — there have been too many false dawns," Mr Wilson said, adding that the year would remain difficult.

David Wilson Homes, the company's housebuilding business, sold 1,324 houses last year, a 5 per cent increase on 1990. The average selling price rose from £79,000 to £80,000, despite what Mr Wilson described as "severe pressure" and "heavy dis-

counting". Operating profits from housebuilding were E21.5 million on E105.9 million of sales, giving a margin of 20.2 per cent. Property development contributed an operating profit of £6.7 million on sales of £30

The final dividend is increased to 6.2p (5.9p) to give a total of 8.7p (8.3p).

WPP paints a picture of gloom

ing 14p to 81p, having dimbed from 31p since just before Christmas. Neil Blackley, media analyst at James Capel, said he had cut his forecast for 1992 profits be-fore tax to 545 million from cession if gloomy internal £61 million, adding that any improvement was dependent WPP's own budgets for on economic recovery. 1992 assume no significant

> sions, including property write-offs and reorganisation and rationalisation costs, was offset by a £34.5 million gain from the release of earlier provisions taken during WPP's breakneck acquisition programme during the late Eighties Up to \$15 million of this relates to money set aside for "golden parachutes" to pay off executives, including those at the giant J Walter Thompson and Ogilvy & Mather agencies. The payoffs were subsequently not needed, says WPP.

A raft of exceptional provi-

Year-end debt rose by £24 million to £334 million after £21 million was paid out to vendors of some of the businesses acquired on long earn-outs. Another £70 million, £38 million in cash, will be needed by the end of 1995.

The group traded within its covenants in 1991, and longterm projections suggest fi-nancial needs can be met and dividend payments eventually resumed. But WPP says that, depending on when and how strong the recovery will be, debt repayments due next year may need renegotiation, and it is in regular talks with

Extra cash needed this yes could be as high as \$100 million to tide the group over cash flow problems. WPP may consider selling the Scali McCabe Sloves agency, which has been on the market, in one form or another, for five years, and the flotation of the market-research business or the Japanese and south-east Asian interests. In total these would fetch some \$200 million, WPP believes.



Soft landing: Sorrell says WPP did not need \$15m provisions to pay for 'golden parachutes' in the US

Suter sees profits drop to £17.8m

BY MATTHEW BOND

SUTER, the industrial conglomerate chaired by David Abell, has made a £4.1 million provision against the val-ue of its 22.4 per cent stake in Hartons Group, the loss-making plastic film distribu-tor, which has passed its latest

two dividends. The writedown to current market value has been included as an extraordinary item in Suter's results for last year, because the Suter board considers the fall in value is permanent. Suter first bought into Hartons in 1989, having identified it as a recov-

ery situation. The £2.2 million cost of Suter's long-running and ultimately unsuccessful legal action against Francis Industries and its professional advisers, concerning profit forecasts at the time Francis was acquired in 1984, is also taken as an extraordinary item, taking total provisions below the line to £6.3 million. Following the extraor-

an unchanged final dividend from reserves.

Pre-tax profits in 1991 declined 25.8 per cent to £17.8 million, although lower trading profits of £22.2 million included E1.5 million of re-structuring costs. Earnings per share fell 30 per cent to 10.5p. In the past-18 months the company has shed about 20 per cent of its workforce, some 600 jobs.

Mr Abell said he was encouraged by a 7.4 per cent increase in second-half trading profits to £10.2 million. He pointed out that the group's distribution, industri-al and chemicals businesses now contributed 99 per cent of trading profits, with sales of surplus properties and in-vestment now "insignificant" in terms of profits.

During the year net bor-rowings fell by £7.2 million to £33.6 million, giving a gearing level of 74 per cent. dinary costs, the payment of

Chrysler poaches boss from GM

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

A SUCCESSOR to Lee of 5.6p to give a maintained total payout of 8.8p required the transfer of £3.8 million poached from General Motors and was named yesterday as Robert Eaton. Mr Eaton, aged 52, has headed GM's European operations for the past four years and is credited with building some of the best profits on car sales in the world.

His immediate appointment is as vice-chairman and chief operating officer of the loss-making Chrysler, but he will succeed Mr Iacocca, aged 67, when he retires as chairman at the end of this

Mr Eaton is expected to join on a multi-million dollar salary whose details will be disclosed at the annual meeting in May. But industry executives say the appointment of an outsider could cause morale problems among

Chrysler executives. Beaten to the top office was Robert Lutz, aged 60, Chrys-ler president, whose relations with Mr lacocca have been strained. Mr Eaton is a nuts and bolts man who has been with General Motors all his working life. He has a degree in mechanical engineering and joined Chevrolet in 1969 as a graduate in training. He moved to management administration in 1969, was made a vice-president in 1982 and took over GM

Europe six years later. Mr Iacocca said yesterday: "Since going into Europe, Bob is making 25 per cent more cars with 10 per cent fewer men. He is making an enviable 9 per cent return. Bob Eaton has impeccable credentials and an incredibly successful track record at General Motors. He obviously made a tremendous impression on our directors and on me personally.

Mr Eaton said: "I'm very very happy to be at Chrysler. I also understand the global auto market is going to be awful tough in the years

IMI dives 36% as demand for titanium slides

By Derek Harris, industrial editor

FULL-YEAR profits at IMI. the international engineering group, of Birmingham, slid 36 per cent to £73.3 million with only the American market showing signs of recovery. The total dividend is held at 10p, covered one-and-a-half

Gary Allen, chief executive. said that, in the UK, IMI had endured a tough year. The earliest that the recession seemed likely to ease was at the end of this year. "We are bumping along the bottom in the UK and it's a very bumpy bottom," he said.

Annual trading profits at its UK operations, which are 55 per cent of turnover. plunged to £32.8 million (£78.2 million). Profits were most affected by the steep decline in demand for titanium as military aircraft build-ing cutbacks were com-pounded by slackening civil aircraft sales. The refined and wrought metals division made a trading loss of £2 million (£24 million profit).

Trading profits in hydrau lics fell nearly a third to £22.2 million. Mr Allen said: "We had expected a more recession-proof performance but that was before the depth, length and wordwide nature of the recession was fully appreciated." It was a "relatively good year" in America as the economy picked up slowly but demand in Germany fell quickly in the second half and in the UK remained flat.

For titanium, IMI is pinning its hopes on higher civil aircraft production, particularly from Boeing. But Sandy Morris, engineering analyst at County NatWest WoodMac, said: "With tita-nium it could be not just a short-term demand problem but one of chronic overcapacity." It was possible that, over the next months, more aircraft orders could be cancelled or deferred. It is estimated that titanium price and volume have fallen at least 25 per cent.

Current year pre-tax profits of about £80 million are fore-

cast in the City. Although the UK copper tube market tube was poor as building still suffered, with commercial property construction falling markedly in the second half, IMI increased market share

in Europe.

In Germany 1MI's local production is at full stretch mainly through reconstruc-tion work in the East IMI's trading profits in building products fell less than 10 per cent to £20.7 million.

In drinks dispensing, where IMI is the leading world manufacturer, trading profits were unchanged at nearly £23 million. Mr Allen said that, overall IMI had achieved a resilient performance backed by a strong balance sheet. Sir Eric Pountain, the chairman, said gearing rose to only 22 per cent despite capital spending of £50 million and £42 million on acquisitions.

Delta holds payout after lower profit

By MATTHEW BOND

DELTA Group, the cables and engineering group, has reported a 24.5 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £65.8 million. But a maintained 9.8p final gives an un-changed total of 14p. Dr Robert Easton, chief executive, said 1991 had proved even tougher than 1990. As yet, he said, 1992 had shown

little sign of any upturn.

Worst hit was the company's British cables business. where pre-tax profits fell from E31 million to £15.1 million. Recession, the privatisation of the regional electricity companies and the entry of some new European players into the British market all contributed to the situation," said Dr Easton. But demand from continental Europe lifted engineering profits 14 per cent to E22.5 million.

MAI maintains interim payout

By MARTIN BARROW

MAI, the media and financial services group headed by Lord Hollick, the Labour peer, is maintaining its interim dividend at 1.4p a share after returning nearly unchanged profits for the six months to end-December.

Pre-tax profits were £30.2 million (£29.6 million), giving earnings of 5.8p (5.7p) a share. "This is a good performance in a recession," said Lord Hollick, who was influential in forming Labour's economic policies. "Market share gains and improved operating efficiencies are being achieved in our core

business.

Growth in financial services helped offset lower media and information contributions. Wholesale broking profits were £18.9 million

£500,000 (£3.4 million), reflecting the effects of recession on demand for advertising services. The company owns 61 per cent of Meridian, the consortium that will

> (£1.9 million). Property profits were unchanged at £800,000. The company, which has £100 million in the bank, earned investment income of £5.3 million (£4.1 million) despite

replace TVS as the indepen-

dent television franchisee for

the South-East. Information

services earned £1.2 million



Hollick: influential

Renold finds 'hostile' TT stake

RENOLD, the gear and chain maker, has said that enquiries have turned up a 2.9 per cent stake held by TT Group, the acquisitive engineer, that the group believes is hostile "in the light of TT's history of unsolicited bids".

BY OUR CITY STAFF

The shares jumped 9 2p to

55 p, valuing the company at £36 million, even though Renold also said it expected to report a loss of as much as £2. million before tax and excentional charges, described as broadly in line with market expectations, for the year to March 28.

Exceptional charges relating to job cuts during the last quarter would amount to no more than £1.5 million, and these and other cost savings would produce significant benefits in the next final year. The Renold board said there was no commercial logic in a merger and TT's only interest would be in buying Renold on the cheap. It recommended shareholders to take no action if approached to sell shares. Nicholas Shipp, a director of TT, said the group would seek informal talks with Renold.

(£16 million), with a strong performance in North America helped by favourable exchange rate movements. Retail financial services made £3.5 million (£3.4 million) despite the severe drop in car sales, which affected demand for motor insurance.

Media interests fell to Pale NatWest expands in the sun

ational Westmin-ster Bank, still shell shocked by unprecedented bad debt provisions and a slump in profits, is dreaming of Spanish sunshine. Here, far away from its tattered balance sheets in Britain and America, basks a success story.

With 260 branches throughout Spain, Banco NatWest made a profit of £19.3 million. On most occasions this would have been barely visible in the group's figures; last year, it provided almost a fifth of the group's £110 million profits.

In Britain, NatWest is cutting staff and closing branches. In Spain, by contrast, it plans to open another 15 outlets this year and has re-cently moved into new headquarters in Madrid at a cost of £35.1 million.

Banco NatWest has grown at a phenomenal rate. In 1985, when NatWest started its joint venture with Grupo March, profits were just £1.1 million from assets of £514 million. Today, NatWest is the sole shareholder and the asset book has grown to £1.6

Neil Bennett reports from Madrid on a modest success story to lighten the gloom at one of Britain's big high street banks

billion. Most of the growth has been self funded: the parent's total investment has been only £128 million.

Rafael Cortina, BNW's chairman, is keen to buy another of Spain's regional banks to extend his network. Spain's smaller banks continue to be squeezed by the leaders and many are expected to be taken over or merged. There is a bank on almost every street corner and many are under pressure from falling margins and rising bad debts.

Spain is none the less one of the few countries in Europe where foreign banks can still afford to open new branches. BNW is buying and fitting out sites for as little as Pta40 million. (£220,000), a fraction of the cost in Britain or Germany. The branches belong to a different world from the Edwardian mausoleums of tonio Pedraza, the head of Britain's high streets. In Se- the Andalusian region, has

ville, where BNW has opened two outlets, the walls and floors are fined with white

marble and the counters are

mostly open plan. '. Like other Spanish banks, BNW's branches are run by as few as four staff. All the paperwork is done by a system centre near Madrid airport. Nevertheless, costs are still high: the ratio of expenses to income is well over 70 per cent and Paul Imison, the head of the region, is trying to counter this with a

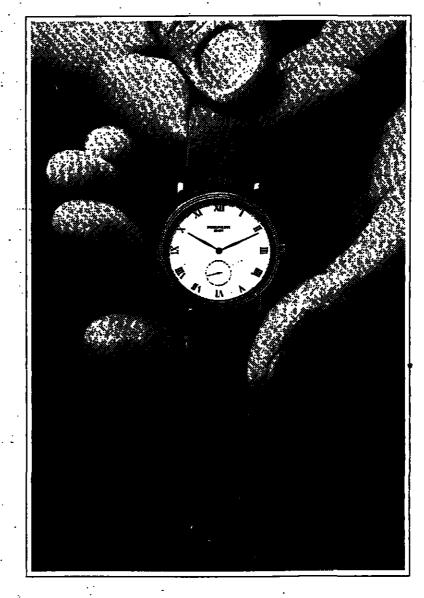
freeze on staff numbers. With 35,000 active customers, BNW has less than 1 per cent of the market and knows it cannot challenge the six institutions that control 85 per cent on their own ground. So it has targeted wealthy individuals and smaller companies as its niche markets and fights to win business. In Seville, An-

hired the brother of a local bull fighter and the son of a hotel owner in the hope they will attract friends and acquaintances to the bank.

The jewel in BNW's crown however, is Banco de Asturias, its subsidiary in northern Spain. Here, any link with NatWest in Britain is muted and the 27-year-old bank is promoted as a regional instiintion. Asturias is a full service bank with an 1,1 per cent. share of the local market. Senor Cortina receives regular offers for it but NatWest is not selling.

BNW also faces problems of competition and bad debt, but on nothing like the same threatening scale as its par-ent. BNW has suffered bad debts on property loans on the Costa del Sol, while the Asturian region also has eco-nomic problems. BNW has been a cautious lender and security on most of its loans is high. NatWest's Spanish adventure may be a side show but proves that a British bank can expand abroad and not fall flat on its face.

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Delta reins in hard against recession

team at Delta Group have done nothing wrong. Indeed, they have done pretty much everything right. But their reward seems a long time

This recession is no respecter of management quality, as the 24.5 per cent fall in Delta's pre-tax profits to £65.8 million last year demonstrates. Dr Easton can fine tune the company's cost base all he likes but, like everyone else, he can do nothing to kick start Britain's building industry — still one of the principal buyers of Delta's cables, electrical and plumbing products.

But while we all wait, the company's hatches have been well and truly battened. In three years. Delta's workforce has dropped from 15,000 to about 11,500, with the final departures scheduled for the first half of this year. Cash management is similarly tight, giving net borrowings of £40 million and gearing of just 13 per cent.

The British cable business shared in this rationalisation. but was rewarded by an ultra competitive market that more than halved the division's pretax profit to £15.1 million. However, cables and circuit protection, in which profits fell from £17.5 million to

ROBERT Easton and his £13.7 million, will have the benefit of the reduced cost base as volumes improve.

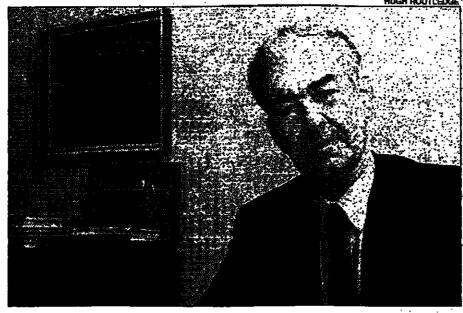
Delta's star performer was engineering, in which the buoyant European plumbing business reported profits up from £19.8 million to £22.5 million. The Australasian industrial services division saw profits fall 19 per cent to È19.6 million.

There are convincing recovery arguments for all Delta's businesses. But then there have been for some time. Time, however, has eroded the normal premium. Assuming £78 million of profits, the shares stand on a price/earnings multiple of less than 14. Buy.

Christies

CHRISTIES International, whose fortunes depend on the falling, doubtless surprised itself as well as the market in making any profit at all in

On sales that fell by 47.6 per cent to £583 million, Christies' pre-tax profits in the year ended December tumbled from £43.1 million to £6.36 million.Of those profits, £4.9 million — against £7.88 million — was derived as net interest income on cash balances that are



Resilience in a battered sector: Geoffrey Higham, head of Rugby Group, yesterday

£40 million to £60 million

regions seen in recent years

will be a long time coming, as could dividend restorations.

Even if profits reached be-

tween £9 million and £10

down from £30 million to £9 million, leaving the contribution at the operating profit at mere £1.46 million, against £35.7 million.

A passed final dividend would have been unthinkable as Christies hopes to retain some investment following, so the only alternative was to cut the final dividend from 6p to lp a share, leaving the uncovered year's payment at 3.3p a share against 8.3p.

Sales last year were stronger in the second half than in the first, and 1992 auctions million this year, the shares at 115p, down 12p, on 38 times prospective earnings, are for those who can afford to that include a Hans Holbein — do i hear £15 million? dream in years. and a Cartier and a Spanish sale later this year may help. But a return of profits to the

Rugby Group

SHARES in Rugby Group have been among the most resilient performers in the battered building materials sector, and there is little in the 1991 figures to rob them of any support. The shares have come up from a low of 153p a little less than a year ago to more than £2, even though they shed 6p to 197p yesterday.

Pre-tax profits fell 16 per cent to £55.8 million and were accompanied by a maintained dividend still covered more than twice and little indication of any upturn in the market. Of more relevance, perhaps, despite £10.7 million spent on small acquisitions, is an £18.6 million cash inflow during the year and balances of £23.8 million at the December year-end. Cement held its share of the British market at about 19 per cent but saw trading profits off by about a quarter, while earnings from the Rom reinforced steel operation virtually disappeared.

Australian cement and lime operations were strong performers, despite the poor state of that economy.

Pre-tax profits this year should be a touch higher at £58 million, helped by those healthy cash balances, putting the shares on a hefty forward multiple of 15, while the prospective yield, assuming payments more forward again, is 4.7 per cent.

No startling progress can be expected, but the shares remain a firm hold.

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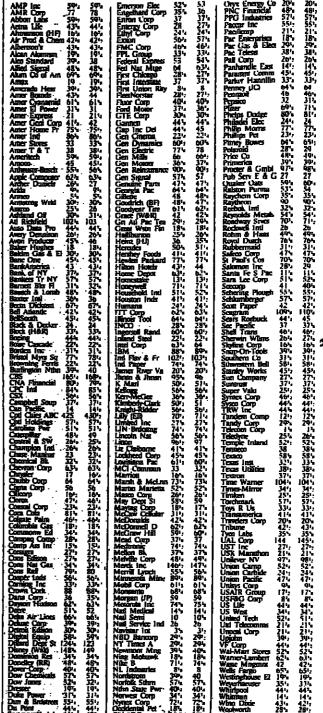
Dow dips on Tokyo fall

New York - Blue chips opened moderately lower as a huge fall in Tokyo that sent the Nikkei index to its lowest level since 1987 triggered early selling, analysts said.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell to 3,224 shortly after the opening, but recouped some losses to trade

the broader market, losers led gainers by three to two.

"I think the market is some what influenced by Japan this morning, but we've seen the bulk of reaction to the Japanese market for the day," said Ricky Harrington, of Marion Bass Securities.



STOCK MARKET

Nervous investors stay on the sidelines

the ground once again, with big investors content to sit it out until after the election.

Early proceedings were dominated by pre-election jitters and futures activity, with gyrations in the March FT-SE futures contract affecting the cash market as investors hedged bets before April 9.

The FT-SE index was like a yo-yo early on. An initial rise was buoyed by interest rate cut hopes, but the market soon realised that there were no indications of this kind from the money market and the index turned round, reversing the early 8.9 gain into an 18.3 point deficit.

Sentiment was not helped by an overnight 618-point slide in Tokyo, where the Nikkei average fell below the 20,000 level. Dealers braced themselves for a week of more grim news on the economic front, particularly Thursday's unemployment figures, as the details of the alternative Budget from John Smith, shadow

chancelior. A negative start on Wall Street, with the Dow showing an early 15-point deficit, did little to encourage London

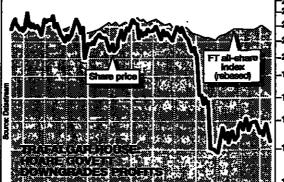
dex ended 5.3 lower at 2,470.7. The narrower FT index of 30 shares lost 4.9 to 1,930.9. But there was very little real trading going on. Volume reached a meagre 363.5 million shares, among the lowest of the year. Despite early gains, gilts

ended about £4 easier. Shares in Lourho, the international trading conglomerate, continued to slide, falling a further 10p to 85p.

Power shares were nervous on the latest opinion polls. Eastern fell 6p to 231 p, East Midlands 7p to 241 p, London 6p to 261 p. Midland 6p to 250p. and the package by £38 to £2,600. Generators dimmed. National Power 5p to 199p, PowerGen 4p to 210p, Scottish Hydro 1 2p to 100p and Scottish Power 1p to 98p.

for a two-day decline of 29p. high of 277p. Volume reached 11 million.

The shares continued to reflect Friday's downgrading from UBS Phillips & Drew. who sliced their 1991/2 profits forecast from £200 million



to £150 million after publication of Lourho's annual report. The shares lost 19p on Friday as Moody's, the American rating agency, downgraded Lonrho's credit rating. The shares were also upset by market speculation that the group may lose its FT-SE status. The FT-SE steering committee is due to

Trafalgar House, the subject of similar speculation, regained an early loss to end unchanged at 127p, despite a profits downgrading from Hoare Govett. The 'A' shares eased 1p to 119p. Hoare has

Mar'Apr'May'Jun'Jui'Aug'Sep'Oct'Nov'Dec'Jan'Feb'Mar cut its profits forecast for the year to end-September 1992 from £155 million to £124 million, as extremely tough conditions continue to affect the group's commercial property operations, while shipping and hotels are also having a difficult time. The current dividend forecast has been cut from 12.25p to 9.2p,

> been reduced from £180 million to £145 million. Tarmac dipped 1p to 121p. amid market rumours that its FT-SE position may also be threatened, while ECC

year's profits forecast has

was a suggested replacements. Others mentioned as possible candidates for gaining promotion to the presti-gious index include Siche, up 2p to 594p, Coats Viyella, unchanged at 189p, and Bowater, 1p firmer at 770p.

Mining stocks were nervous before today's South African referendum on President de Klerk's reforms, while a weak gold price did not help. "The market is in a state of fear," said John Taylor,

The oil sector provided a firm corner in the market as Gulf tensions rose again. BP climbed 3 2 p to 266 2 p. while Enterprise advanced 9p to 371 p, and Exploration Co of Louisiana added 5p to 36p. Lasmo, which is due to report final figures on Thursday, firmed 2p to 186p, and Shell added 4p to

mining analyst at Jan Capel. Although the outcome from the referendum will not be known until tomorrow. many people, both on the domestic and overseas fronts, are expecting the worst.

There were widespread

shares. Among those declin-ing, Barlow Rand fell from E8916 to E8316, Anglo American Corp from £18216 to £171416, Durban Deep from 277p to 262p, E Rand Prop from 156p to 146p, Freegold from 492p to 483p, and Vaal Reefs from E301516 to £301016. Meanwhile, Charter Consolidated lost 9p to 480p, while Johnson Matthey fell

falls among South African

6p to 353p.
Christies International dropped 12p to 115p as the auction house cut its dividend after final profits fell 85 per cent. Elsewhere, poor figures from WPP, the troubled advertising group, caused a 15p slide in the share price to 80p.

Despite the weak market, bid speculation continued to drive MTM, which still has the shadow of the recent double profit warning and resignations hanging over it. The shares advanced 14p to 84p, having been down to a new

Tesco firmed 4p to 247p, as Kleinwort Benson turned positive on the food retailing group, and advised clients to buy the shares.

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Lilley refers Reckitt sale

PETER Lilley, the trade secretary, has referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission the sale by Reckitt & Colman, the foods and household products business, of its British and American shoe polish business last October to Sara Lee

Corporation.
The MMC must report by
June 17. Mr Lilley said the
deal raised competition concerns in the polish market that needed investigation.

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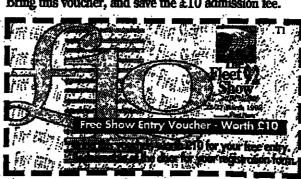
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GPA ready to take off at last

he biggest surprise in GPA's long-mooted flotation plans is the about-turn in management changes. The respected Maurice Foley, one of GPA's founding fathers and its long-time president, was to step down as an executive, at 52, in October to be replaced, it was assumed, by Nigel Wilson, the next-generation financial innovator recruited from Stanhope Properties. Instead, Tony Ryan, the creator and chairman, is to withdraw from his main executive role and Mr Foley is to become chief executive. Whatever boardroom talk in Shannon led to this change, it would certainly be a plus for GPA to have all three on board, making a solid management that now looks the antithesis of a one-man band.

Credibility is vital to GPA, which has grown exponentially in the arcane and widely distrusted business of leasing and depends for profits and cash flow on selling leased aircraft to investors, a concept even more obscure, if only because second-hand aircraft do not yet figure in many ordinary investors' portfolios. Dr Ryan has, however, built the trust and confidence of some of the world's most important financial institutions, as lenders, shareholders and buyers of its aircraft packages. The group's credibility has also gained from its performance in an extremely nasty period of simultaneous shock for the airline and banking industries. Doubters feared GPA might be hit in three directions at once. Japanese and other international bank finance, vital for its order book, could dry up; the airline customers could cancel or default and buyers of

aircraft could disappear, causing a slump in prices.

GPA appears to have coped remarkably well, moving to new secure sources of finance, opening new airline markets, placing returned aircraft and finding or creating new investor markets for leased aircraft. After a modest setback, GPA is back into growth. The heady days when GPA shares traded privately at \$32.50 may not return for a while, but they should attract institutions at well over \$20, making GPA an important new international stock.

Tokyo turmoil

okyo's share index finally made its long awaited dip below 20,000 yesterday to a background of soothing official assurances that it would not stay there for long. Yet overseas observers of the Japanese markets have for some time been nervous of the move through an important psychological barrier. There is a possibility that panic selling will begin sooner or later. That would raise concern over the Japanese banking system which is permitted to regard part of its unrealised gains on security holdings as permanent capital. The Governor of Japan's central bank yesterday dismissed the idea of an interest rate cut to tempt cash back into a demoralised market. If this is to be taken at face value, the market seems certain to head lower.

Japan's institutional investors are likely to continue selling in order to establish tax losses until the new fiscal year begins on April 1. Foreigners, who have supported Japanese equities for the past 12 months, will see no point in substantial buying programmes until the peak selling season has abated. The authorities have been considering other steps to prop up sagging prices. These include lower taxes on stock transactions and measures to allow companies to purchase their own shares. Introducing them in the face of market weakness might prove counter productive. The banks would start to be seriously concerned if the Nikkei reached 18,000. The betting is that the central bank will find a sound economic reason for lower interest rates if the index falls that far.

Taking the Stock Exchange from Big Bang to the next millennium

William Kay talks to Peter Rawlins about his plans to sell

shares in the Stock Exchange and make

it more efficient

eter Rawlins, the 41-year-old chief executive of the London Stock Exchange, wants to sell shares in the Exchange itself to the public, from the biggest institutional investor to the smallest Sid. "The ownership is estion that we shall have to widen if to those who would like to be more directly involved and see a commer-cial return on their investment."

The London Stock Exchange has ahready come a long way since 1986, when the hiatus of the Restrictive Practices Court investigation bunched a series of changes in the technical means of trading, the own-ership of firms, control of the Exchange and the distinction between brokers and jobbers into one Big Bang reform. It has come even further since 1969, when member firms were first allowed limited liability and minority outside shareholders or 1966, when the rule that no firm could have more than 20 partners still sustained several hundred separate firms.

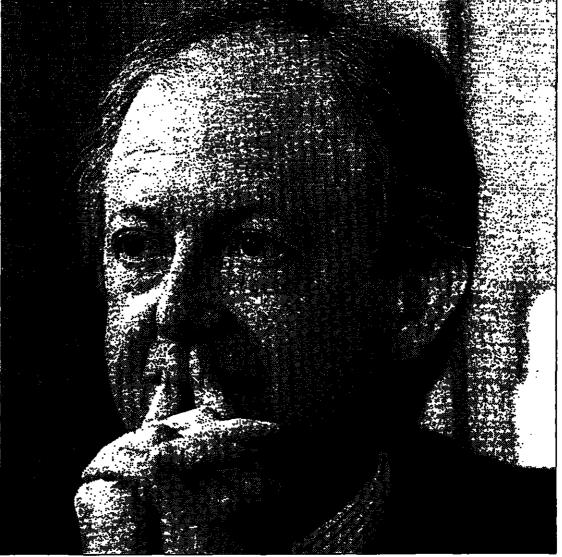
Selling the Exchange itself to outsiders would require drastic changes to its constitution, which currently debars it from acting for profit, or from distributing any profits it hap-pens to make. It would also pave the way for the 22-strong Stock Exchange board to be more evenly composed of suppliers and users of

Mr Rawlins, chief executive since November 1989, sees this as the last great hurdle to making the Exchange more customer-friendly. Closer to home, he also wants the money newcomers might be per-suaded to put up to pay for one more huge investment in an electronic infrastructure capable of acting as policeman and referee as well as information provider.

We'll have to completely rewrite the whole constitution on the back of a recapitalisation, a refinancing," Mr Rawlins explained. "I describe that as the last big crunch point. I don't think it will happen in the next few months, but I won't consider my job done until that is behind us."

The job he has done so far has been to rattle the mental cages around the Stock Exchange tower, to make its members see that the market has fundamentally changed since the Big Bang deregulation orgy nearly five and a half years ago. During this shakeup, he has also cut the exchange's staff from 3,000 to 1,900. "In my judgment, with hindsight," Mr Rawlins declared, "there was no perception of what the real problems were. There is a quite remarkable propensity to go to the ditch on nomenclature and market

He had another reminder of backwoodsmen's views two weeks ago,



Final hurdle: Peter Rawlins sees a new constitution and single multi-purpose system as his main task

Institute was announced, to act as a representative body for individuals working in the securities industry. It was a logical outcome of the decision to abolish individual membership powers in the exchange six years ago, in return for which each of the then members is entitled to receive £10,000 when he or she retires, or dies. But some brokers think the creation of the institute was reason enough to hand over the money.

Mr Rawlins said: "That was one of the many nettles not grasped in 1986, and we've now done it. It caused a certain amount of heat and little light from certain parts of the community who had never reconcil-ed themselves to the fact that they had given up their individual rights back in 1986. They came round saying 'What about my £10,000?' to WILLIAM BILLY REISWEET IS. 'L' pactum' chaps - don't blame me, this is the deal you signed in 1986." Such responses do not endear him to the old school, some of whom still feel that the 1986 reforms destroyed the atmosphere in which that Stock Exchange motto really counted, as it had to do as late as the Fifties, when there were no systems and deals were still checked overnight by word

The Securities Institute sits alongside the Association of Private Client

client stockbrokers, the British Merchant Banking Association, for the wholesale integrated houses, and the recently announced Proshare, for small shareholders. These are now the created pressure groups for those different interests, leaving Mr Rawlins and his organisation free to concentrate on what he believes is the Exchange's true task: "To be an efficient clearer of the maximum number of transactions".

Before he can achieve that, Mr Rawlins believes he has to rid the London market of much antiquated baggage that has been the subject of dispute since before South Sea shares were traded in Change Alley 300 years ago. The Exchange's council spent 15 years agonising over the future of the traditional single-capacity system of brokers jobbers trading as principals, as the demands of international share dealing and the financial squeeze on the shrinking number of jobbers stretched the system ever nearer breaking point. The action man imported to bring

change by Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, the exchange chairman, thinks such agonising over principle has little place in a market driven by technology. He says: "I don't understand why everyone's banging on about

when the formation of the Securities Investment Managers, for private the difference between quote-driven and order-driven systems, because at the end of the day all systems are order-driven, in the sense that, unless and until an order comes into the market, zippo happens."

So this former thespian, son of an opera singer and director of the Oxford Theatre Group when he was at university, sees the painstaking and at times painful attempts at post-Big Bang reform as basically

ne of the longest-running of these exercises was the Elwes Committee. headed by Nigel Elwes of S G Warburg, which had been in session for a year by the time Mr Rawlins was appointed. It ultimatefoundered on the irreconcilable claims of the private client brokers, ne iorei integrated houses like Warburg. Mr Rawlins quietly buried it.

"Elwes went in with a formal remit to do with enhancing and bolstering the then pre-existing marketmaker system in the domestic equity market," he said. "There was no question of looking at whether there was some other way of making markets or trading — not surprisingly, so soon after Big Bang."

One reason the Elwes committee had such a hard time was that it was

becoming harder to squeeze so many different interest groups into one system, which only shows how much more flexible and accommodating the pre-Big Bang jobbing system had been. But that is one clock that cannot be turned back, at least in the foreseeable future. "Market-making has been one of the massive strengths of the London market," Mr Rawlins observed. "But by their own admission, market-makers don't necessarily want to be out there acting as market-makers in all stocks at all times in all conditions, particularly in rarely traded, relatively small UK securities."

He professes not to mind what system comes in for third-line stocks and small investors, although he thinks that some form of matchedbargain arrangement would proba-bly fit best. As such markets in small stocks outside the exchange have fraught with perils unless it is closely

supervised.
Mr Rawlins is more concerned to lift the exchange above these conflicts by creating a neutral electronic infrastructure capable of catering for whatever different systems the market demands. "There will be some tangible spending on modern technology," he said. "This market has made a positive virtue in the last seven or eight years of having inual systems. The dealing rooms are drowning in kit, and half the reason is that they need lots of different products to get the information they need, to get an order into the market, execute it, confirm it and settle it. Right now, those are all complete ly separate arrangements. You need ust one integrated mechanism to handle all that,"

And there is more than a gleam in the eye of the exchange's chief execu-tive at the thought of knitting the horribly expensive and still untried Taurus paperless settlement system directly into this mooted new trading mechanism. Taurus should begin testing in the autumn and be ready to come on stream next spring if everybody is happy and enough companies have changed their articles to abolish share certificates.

f Taurus works, in tandem with a central computer to log trades, it could provide a pow erful tool for monitoring the market. That would take Mr Rawlins a long way to another of his ambitions, to wrest back from the Securities and Futures Authority some of the regulatory responsibility the exchange used to have before the Financial Services Act.

"With an integrated market trans-action approach," he explained, "we vill by definition, as market operator and supervisor, know what bargains have been dealt and what settled. We could, as a service to the market, make sure everyone knows who's exposed to whom and to what amount at any time. There is no such capability at the moment.

He reluctantly concedes that lack of political will and entrenched empires may make his dream take longer to be realised than the flick of a switch on the huge computerised watchdog he is busily designing.

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cy which won the brief to find the Serious Fraud Office a successor to Barbara Milis who in turn becomes the new Director of Public Prosecutions - reveals it was given only two weeks to complete its search, instead of the usual three months. The announcement of George Sta-ple's appointment had to be made last Tuesday, the day before John Major went to the Palace to request the dissolution of Parliament." explains Richard Goode, managing director of Carré Orban. All other statutory appointments are now believed to have been frozen until after April 9. Goode and his colleagues - "Three of us worked on it night and day for two weeks, to get it done in time," he says — placed a number of advertisements in legal journals, The Times and The Sunday Times, but only one of its final short list of six candidates had responded to the advertisements. "It was simply a question of time," says Goode. "We started with a target list of 350, got it down to 12 people, including one judge and one woman, and then the final short list of six." Staple, head of litigation at Clifford Chance, was the Civil Service Commission's first choice, and his acceptance of the three- to five-year term of office was in spite of a salary drop from £300,000 plus to £75,000. "It is possible he could return to Clifford Chance after his term of office

discussing with his partners."



Christies — they have enough problems."

Wily Willie DIAMONDS have always been a girl's best friend, but Willie Nagel, one of De Beers' four international diamond dealers, comes a close second it seems. Following in Mrs Thatcher's footsteps, Norma Major has paid a visit to his Holborn office, in an elegant Georgian town house, where she had lunch with his family and then examined a selection of rough and cut diamonds, worth, Nagel says, about £5 million. "She is trying to learn about Britain's export industries and De Beers sells \$4 billion of diamonds a year, almost all of them imported and then reexported through London," he said. Clearly an expert at casting an eye over the temales his trade attracts, Nagel - the diamond representative on the Board of Trade for Exports to Israel says of Mrs Major: "She is not as shy as the press at the SFO," says Goode portrays her, she is very refined and she has become very polished." She did not,

however, buy any diamonds. Instead, she listened intently to the informative lecture delivered by the ever-talkative Nagel. "Yes," admits Nagel with a wry smile, "even Mrs Thatcher listened to me."

Warburg wins

FOR the first time, SG Warburg Securities has been vot-ed the top stockbroking house for research in the 1991 Annual Broker Survey. James Capel, formerly the undisputed king of the rival Extel survey, comes in second place with Kleinwort Benson third. Barclays de Zoete Wedd slips from first to fifth place. Warburg has the top analysts in three market sectors - Katie Potts for electronics, Roger Aylard for oil and gas, and Nigel Burton for utilities. Elsewhere David Lang of Henderson Crosthwaite has notched up his sixth successive win in the food manufacturing sector, Jamie Stevenson of Kleinwort Benson is voted top building analyst for the fifth year running, Charles Lambert of Smith New Court takes top place in chemicals for the third year and James Culverwell of Hoare Govett tops the health and household sector for the second year in succession. The Annual Broker Survey, which is published by Consensus Research International, differs from the league tables produced by its rivals, Extel and Institutional Investor, in that it monitors the views of the companies that are being analysed, rather than eliciting the views of the companies' investors and

fessional advisers.

Accountants and democracy

From DJ. Hughes
Sir, It is gratifying to see the
amount of press coverage afforded to the election of a vicepresident of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales; however, headlines such as "Opening the door to democracy are misplaced.

I am a member of the council of the institute and supported the move to direct an open election of vice-presidents. However, your readers must not be misled into thinking the process is democratic, as vice-presidents are nominated and elected only by council members and the council itself is not democratically elected; nor is it representative.

Of the present 78 members of council, only 20 have actually been elected by the wider membership, 19 are co-opted and the remaining 59 are "elected" by the 22 district society memberships. Unfortunately, such elections are rarely contested, the successful candidate emerging through "the usual channels without opposition.

As regards representativeness, out of the 97,000 total membership of the institute. only 30 per cent hold practis-

Yours faithfully.

Blue Arrow stakes From Boodle Hatfield Sir, We represent Jonathan

Cohen in the Blue Arrow In your article on March

13, at page 21, you stated that: "After the rights issue failed, three senior executives of County NatWest, the securities offshoot, retained a 9.8 per cent stake in the company that they illegally failed to report."

The 9.8 per cent stake in Blue Arrow was in fact held as CAROL LEONARD | separate stakes: 4.9 per cent ing certificates, enabling them to engage in public practice, whereas 80 per cent of the membership of council are practising accountants or former leading practitioners. Given the balance, it is not surprising that there have been only three presidents from business in 112 years.

A major factor contributing to this unrepresentativeness is the apathy of members, coupled with the particular diffi-culty business members have in persuading their employ-ers that time involved in institute affairs is beneficial to the business.

The present leaders of the

institute deserve considerable support for their current efforts to consult and involve members in its affairs and to improve two-way communication. Only by convincing members that it is their institute and that it is in the members' interest to be directly involved in its running, will the goal of a representaaccountable to all its members be achieved.

DON J. HUGHES. 19 Church Avenue,

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Limited and (in September 1987) 4.6 per cent was held by County NatWest Securities Limited, which is the securities offshoot.

These holdings were below the 5 per cent reporting level in force at the time and were not aggregable. There was no finding in the recent Blue Arrow trial that the holdings gave rise to a legal reporting requirement. Yours faithfully,

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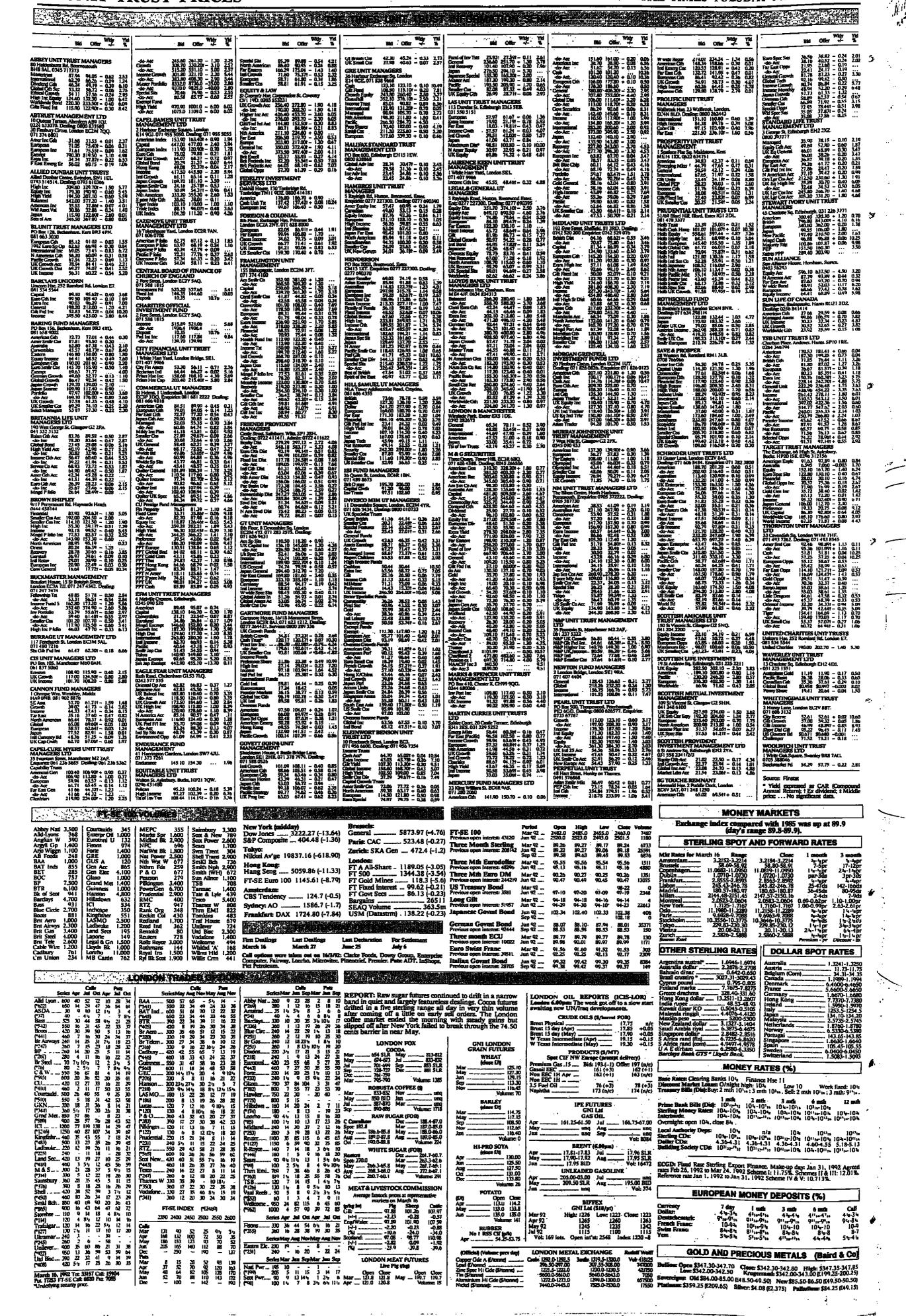


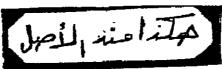
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Switching on to the best view in the house

Badminton is an Olympic sport now. Does this mean it is now a minor major sport, and not a major minor sport? No. it does not. Badminton, for all its excellence as a participant sport, will never capture the imagination of the uncommitted. The one reason is this: it does not really work on television.

They have done their damnedest to make it work. with a master-shot that attempts to convey badminton's crucial dimension of height. The sport smoulders at the edges, but it never leaps into flame.

I have a theory: television sports come in three categories. These are: 1: sports that are more boring on tele-vision than they are in real life; 2: sports that are better on television than in real life; and 3: sports that have an equivocal relationship with

I have compiled a top ten

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for each category. Let us start with the first category, sports that don't work on

1, Yachting Badminton Table tennis

Speedway Greyhound racing Volleyball

All attempts to turn the

America's Cup into the boom sport of the Eighties failed. All that milling about and winding handles doesn't excite non-yachties. The problem with swimming is that you can't see any of the people, they being of neces-sity in the water most of the time. That is why most people only watch them when they are bathed in Olympic light.

to follow on a small screen: too quick, the ball elusive. Badminton we have covered. Rowing, a sport in which, fascinatingly, people try to become machines, needs a sense of occasion to excite the uncommitted: Boat Race, Olympics. Speedway is a stadium sport for cogno-scenti, and is nothing with-

out the smell Greyhound racing is an occasion, an outing, and it cannot be truly appreciated without a pile of torn-up Tote tickets. With volleyball you need too much of the action in view at the same time: television is, of necessity, too selective. And polo, easily the best ball game I have played, looks like aimless chasing about to the camera, or, indeed,

, Bowis Let us move on to sports that are better on television 10. Darts than in real life:



3. Cycling 4, Horse racing 5, Three-day eventing 6, Skiing 7. Gymnastics

2. Motor racing

The first six of these can be followed only on tele-



Captured on camera: Carling, left, and McEnroe vision because you cannot see all the course in real life. In at least four of them. many of the journalists cover the event from a television in the press centre. Bilocation is an impossible feat even for a person who has passed

the journalists' proficiency

test. These sports are still

worth attending: Formula

events. Television cannot capture the ground-shaking power of Formula One. or the shared joy when a good horse does his stuff on a racecourse. But if you wanted to follow the enthralling yard-by-yard progress of the war against Carvill's Hill, you needed television. Gymnastics is the one. sport for which action replay

One, horse racing and horse trials are, in their rather dif-

ferent ways, great spectator

is essential, and besides. a live event is an eye baffling experience for the outsider. with either four or six things The last three on the list

have been uncharitably called junk sports: their smaliness of scale matches the size of the screen. They have each had a period of vogue, from which they have some extent declined. Darts, with the split screen, is a perfect example of a sport that can only be folsports work, but each has demonstrated that our appeconveys something of the tite for sport is not, after all,

The final list is of the equivocators, sports that work on television just as

well as they do in real life. 1, Football 2, Cricket

Athletics i, Tennis 5, Rugby union 6, Boxing 7, Rugby league 8, American football Baseball

10. Basketball Funny coincidence: these are all major sports, the natural spectator sports. Tele-vision's through-the-keyhole view takes away the sweep-ing, expansive nature of football, but in return it gives personality. Faces, in sy, in agony. Faces invisible to the yelling thou-sands in the stadium.

This is true of all sports on

tears. Botham's appeal, Coe's craziness, McEnroe's rage, Carling's joy. Tyson's brutality, and on and on The people in the stadium see one event, the television who is to say which has the best of it? Let us consider the words of Clive James, of all people, writing about the television quiz programme, University Challenge: "I struggled not to look too pleased as we swept to vic-tory. The camera probably saw the struggle. Personality is the thing it catches. Everything else it lets go."

give us the emotional inten-

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would not go to a live event.

Television gives us Gazza's

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RACING

Reduced role for **Jockey Club** under Labour

By RICHARD EVANS

A RADICAL shake-up of the way racing is administered in Britain, including a drastically reduced role for the Jockey Club, the scrapping of the Levy Board and the creation of a 30-strong British Horseracing Authority (BHA), was unveiled by the Labour party yesterday.

The policy statement ap-proved by Roy Hattersley, the shadow home secretary, and launched by Denis Howell, the party's sports spokesman, envisages a greater role for Whitehall in racing, a new turnover-based levy to finance the sport, and greater emphasis on the needs of the

The fundamental changes could be carried out within a year of a Labour election vic-tory, Howell said, although it is far from certain they will carry the unanimous support of the party's MPs. It is known some members believe government should keep out of racing.

Leaving aside the philosophical differences between the two main political parties, it would appear Labour's blueprint still requires fine

Howell said the earliertion had forced Labour's racing working party to rush out the statement. Hattersley, Robin Cook, Alan Meale and Howell were among the members on the study group.
The "fully representative" British Horseracing Author-

ity envisaged by Labour

would be markedly different from that proposed by the Jockey Club. It would consist of about 30 members, including breeders, owners, racecourses, trainers, jockeys, bookmakers, the Tote and the Jockey Club.

The home secretary would also appoint the chairman, people to represent the puntet, the racing public and "the wider public interest."

The Jockey Chub would continue to have exclusive control over the rules of racing, integrity and discipline. But that would be the extent of its main influence. Howel stressed the first chairman of the authority would not be a Jockey Club member.

The BHA would control fixtures and the new proposed levy system.

We are quite determined to get away from this ludicrous procedure of annual argument which does nothing for the sport and embarrasses the government," Howell said at a Commons press conference.

Labour wants finance to come from a fixed rate of levy on turnover — agreed voluntarily or stipulated by legislation - and he was confident

agree to such a scheme. Although he steered clear of saying how much racing should get from betting, he said the £48 million planned for next year — equivalent to around one per cent of betting turnover - was a "start-

GYMNASTICS

Thomas justifies hopes

NEIL Thomas, who regained the national title last weekend, has further confirmed his status as the gymnast most likely to win Britain's first Olympic gymnastics medal for the modern sport at Barcelona in July (Peter Avkrowd writes). He is certainly the best British per-

former of his generation. Aged 24, he first became champion in 1990 but could not defend his title last year owing to injury. This year, he not only has claimed the overall title but also took gold in the six apparatus finals, emphasising his all-round

His best pieces, however,

he has excelled in many world-class tournaments. Two years ago, he won the vault bronze medal at the European championships, the first British medal in that competition for 33 years.

Last year, at the world championships in Indianapolis, his explosive technique gained him a place among the world's top 36 gymnasts in the individual overall

His form was a key factor in the British men's team qualifying to send a full team of six for the first time in its own right to the forthcoming Olympic Games.

Half backs and hookers in short supply

England seeking talent that will blossom on tour

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

THE representative season may have ended for England's senior teams but the process of selection goes on for what is generally regarded as the most significant development tour England has yet undertaken — the eightmatch visit to New Zealand in

The 30-strong playing party will be announced on April 13. leaving the selectors four weeks in which to review form, notably in areas such as half back and hooker where there is an absence of depth. "We have to go to New Zealand with the objective of coming back with half a dozen players who will be able to take the final step up next season," John Elliott, the national selector, said.

Already several candidates for the tour have said they will be unable to go: David Pears, the Harlequins full back who won his third cap in Paris last month as a replacement stand-off half, is not available, nor is John Buckton, the Saracens centre. Newcastle Gosforth scrum

LANCASHIRE draw heavily

on Orrell, the Courage Clubs Championship leaders, for

what could be a unique day in

the history of the county on

the ADT senior and under-21 championship finals and

hope to beat Middlesex at

Twickenham to win the colts'

Orrell provide 11 players for the senior semi-final at

Waterloo against Hamp-shire, whose XV is founded

firmly on Basingstoke and

Havant, the leading clubs in division four (south).

England scrum half and cap-

tain, was not fit enough to be

considered for Yorkshire's

team in the other semi-final

against Cornwall, the hold-

Nigel Melville, the former

They challenge for places in

Saturday.

championship.

ers, at Redruth.

accountancy examinations this summer, while Andy Blackmore, the Bristol second row on the verge of a B cap, is getting married.

Ideally the party will com-bine the youthful element which has prevailed this season entwined with a strand of experience in decision-making positions. No team can afford to go to New Zealand with too many players new to international competition which is why the scrum half position may prove a worry.

Steve Bates, capped against Romania in 1989, has done duty in three of the four B internationals but at 29 is no spring chicken. Dave Scully. the Wakefield scrum half, has occupied the bench and replaced Bates against Italy, while Aadel Kardooni (Leicester) and Steve Knight (Bath) must come into

consideration. "We don't want to take anyone at all who we feel couldn't play international rugby now or later," said Elliott, a former hooker, who behind Brian Moore, John half who played against Olver and Graham Dawe — le on Colin Stephens, the Lla-Spain, has a broken ankle but all of whom will be over 30 nelli stand-off, on February in any case must take his after April — is an absence of 22.

Lancashire are relying on Orrell

Instead, Guy Easterby, the

strong Harrogate player,

comes in for his first appearance in a XV including Chris-

tian Raducanu, the Roman-

ian lock now playing for Sale.

and Yorkshire nine from the

epic final at Twickenham last

April which Cornwall won

29-20. Significantly, seven

Cornish forwards remain

while Yorkshire have recon-

stituted their tight five since

coming second to Lancashire in the first division county

Injury at the weekend has prevented Yorkshire selecting

Jim Mallinder at full back.

His place goes to Peter Rut-

ledge. Mike Fielden was hurt

during Orrell's win over Rug-

by and Lancashire have cho-

sen Mike Jackson at centre.

Neither Bob Kimmins nor

table last October.

Cornwall have 11 survivors

experienced hookers. Dawe capped four times in 1987, has led the B pack this season, with Richard Cockerill, the promising Coventry player, as his deputy - Cockerill was close to his B cap against France when Dawe was treated three times for injury.

Also in line are Nick Killick (Harlequins) and Tim Beddow (Bath) but neither has played a great deal of first-XV football for their clubs. One of the most experienced operators is Neil Hitchen from Orrell, capped at B level in 1990, but he was on the verge

The other factor to be considered is goal-kicking. Stuart Barnes has coped admirably in this department. Jan full back, could brush up his kicking - unless England decide to assert their rights to John Steele, who has made one B appearance, before the Scottish selectors get hold of

☐ Kevin Fox, the Neath flanker, has been suspended Rugby Union for a high tack-

Wade Dooley is available at

CORNWALL: K Thomas (Redruth); A Mead (Redruth); C Laily (Neath), M Brain (Citton), D Weeks (Camborne); W Peters (Bath), R Namocival (North-Impolent), 1 Mey (Redruth), G Dawe (Bath, captain), R Reast (Redruth), G Dawe (Bath, captain), R Reast (Redruth), G Williams (Redruth), A Read (Bath), A Cook (Redruth), A Back (Penzance), J Attiment (St Inca), YORKSHERE: P Ruitedge (Bractiond and Bingley); M Harrison (Weisefield, Captain), J Georgiou (Morley), S Burnhall (Sale), E Afforts (Harriogale); S Townend (Weisefield), G Easterby (Herrogate); J Woodthorpe (Parogate), N Lincham (Roundhay), J Rice (Ottey), S Topong (Ottey), S Croft (Harriogale), C Faducanu, Sale), P Buckton (Watestoo), S Beinbridge (Roundhay), LANCASHIRE (Orrell unless stated); S Taborner, N Hasley, M Jackston (Fyddo), S Langford, P Haball, P Grayshon (Presion Grasshoppers), D Morris; M Hyres, N Hitchen, D Southern (captain), D Cesery, M Mantrick (Sale), M Aladistroptical:

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lock.

Tortoise is ready to run

By Alix Ramsay

THE Teignbridge Tortoise is hoping he can beat the hares in the ADT London Marathon on April 12 by finishing the course and proving a point at the same time.

McGuire was diagnosed as having epilepsy. The only way of controlling the condition at that time was to give the patient barbiturates: over the next 22 years, he took 33,000mg of the drug.

"I was told I couldn't come off the drugs in case it tripped off the condition again," he said. "It was ghastly. I virtually sleep-walked my way through my late twenties. Some days, crossing the road was like playing Russian roul-

Gradually, McGuire reduced the dosage. "It was done as much through negligence as anything," he said.
"Some days, I would forget to take the pills." Six years ago he moved from London to

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Devon and came off the drugs altogether.

McGuire is running to raise money for the British Epilepsy Association. "It's not a popular charity, it's a forgotten illness that affects a third of a million people. There should be more research done into it. There has to be a better way of treating people than the things I went

through.' Now living in Newton Abbott, McGuire joined the Teignbridge Trotters three years ago. This will be his first full marathon.

"I only took up running at 47 years of age," he said.
"They call me the Teign-

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BASKETBALL

Fisher learns of uncertain future

came after they had trailed by 14 points within five minutes.

IF ANYTHING was designed to put a coach's back up, it was to read in his own dub programme that the opposition's coach was after his job. It happened to Dave Fisher on Sunday when the coach of Birmingham Bullets was astonished to read: "Dale Shackleford, who is interested in coaching Birmingham, will be pulling out all the stops to impress the Birmingham crowd with his

In the event, nobody was impressed, least of all Fisher. by Shackleford's Worthing Bears, who, after defeating Birmingham in the season's three previous encounters by margins of 28 points or more, suffered their comeuppance. Birmingham's revenge, in a ☐ Vince Wright | match of 13 three-pointers,

After his team's 94-88 success, Fisher could hardly be excused for gloating. "I was surprised at how inflexible Worthing were," he said. Harry Wrublewski, Bir-

different sources. "But the fact is that Dave

ers, will be reviewed at the end of the season." The surprise result gave

Birmingham a narrow edge over Manchester Giants in the battle for the eighth and last place in the play-offs. Manchester, humbled 106-59 at Worthing the previous night, also succumbed at home. 93-87 to London Towers, after leading 47-41

League championship rivals. Thames Valley Tigers, were always in front against Derby Bucks, winning 111-86, but, down at the bottom, both Sunderland and Cheshire Jets came close to providing

Gene Waldron's basket ten

CYCLING

Power takes Trophy race

TEN professionals were among the 80 competitors for the Alexa Essex GP 93-mile road race on Sunday, the first event in the Star Trophy series previously confined to amateurs (a Special Correspondent writes).

However, neither the winner. Robert Power, who came from Ireland at his own expense, nor the runner-up, Jon Clay, the Banana Team professional, qualifies for the Star Trophy, so third-place Julian Ramsbottom, of Dinnington, takes the lead.

The 107-mile Archer GP at Beaconsfield on April 5 has agreed to 15 professionals taking places in its 100strong field, but the organisers of the remaining six Star races prefer to remain

Form points to draw

third division have got the jitters, with Stoke City, Brentford and West Bromwich Albion all suffering home defeats in the past week. West Bromwich could be upset again on Saturday when they play host to middle-of-thetable opposition. Reading. Climbing the table and better away than at home. Reading look good for a point at The

Port Vale, bottom of the second division, can take advantage of Millwall's vulnerability at The Den, where they have lost eight matches. With Millwall also losing their last two games, 6-1 and 3-0, this seems the best long-shot treble chance selection.

Cambridge United's variable home results may cost them promotion and will

probably cost them victory

THE leading teams in the against Ipswich Town, whose solid away form points to a

draw. In the first division, highscoring Oldham Athletic are due for a change of luck on their travels and will probably get it against goal-shy Coven-try City, who can add to their recent flurry of draws.

The most appealing three-pointer in Scotland is the first division scrap between Forfar Athletic and Montrose. On last Saturday's coupon

there were almost as many away victories (21) as homes (24) - an increasingly familiar pattern. Queen's Park Rangers (at West Ham). Portsmouth (at Oxford) and Barnet (at Halifax) offer the best away value this week, but Newcastle United, at Grimsby Town, and Tranmere Rovers, at Plymouth Argyle, are also worth considering.

Saturday March 21 unless stated FIRST DIVISION 2 Chelses v Shelf Utd X Coventry v Oldham 1 C Palace v A Villa 2 Norwich v Everton

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BY NICHOLAS HARLING

coaching ability."

mingham's managing director, said that the programme notes were penned after rumours of Shackleford's interest in joining Birmingham had reached him from three

Fisher has done a great job here," Wrublewski said. "His situation, like that of the play-

at the interval. Kingston's Carlsberg

seconds from time gave Leicester Riders a narrow 73-72 win at Sunderland, while Cheshire, beaten 78-71 at home by Derby, were in front until three minutes from the end of their

won on his seasonal return at

Plumpton last Monday, can

complete a speedy double in

the Kinghorns Handicap

Hurdle at Fontwell Park

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year-old, although fast run-

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2.15 Manenda

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(£1,165; 2m 6f) (17 runners)

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

2.15 BENDIGO MARES NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

0-01124 MARINERS SECRET 12 (M Device) R Brazington 6-11-10.

D-01124 MARINERS SECRET 12 (M Daviss) R Brazington 6-11-10...
250548 MANENDA 21 (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 5-11-9...
4054 POLLERTON'S PRIDE 20 (G Greeves) W Clay 5-11-0...
015 KOWALEVSKIA 14F (BF) (W Jiggins) D Wilson 7-10-12...
3/84952 DADDY'S DARLING 28 (Mrs R Evans) R Evans 7-10-7...
335440 EMILLY'S STAR 21 (Hrs J Mould) N Twiston-Daviss 5-10-7...
05-40P0 JUST A SECOND 15 (C Dreve) C Dreve 7-10-6...
6313 CHARLIE'S DARLING 26 (Mrs E Gittins) J White 4-10-4...
10-0PSP ORIEL DREAM 59 (S) (S March) R Fisher 5-10-1...
602 IMA DELIGHT 20 (Mrs P Sty) Mrs P Sty 5-10-3...
060 GLITTERBIRD 15 (K Bishop) K Bishop 5-10-1...
66212-0 NET CALL 12 (Toffy Nuts) N Smith 6-10-0...
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2.45 SOAR HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,103: 3m 4f) (22 runners)

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Long handkrap: Salamander Joe 9-13, Decent Man 9-7, Rausai 9-5.

SETTING: 13-8 Decent Man, 3-1 Salamander Joe, 7-2 Yingan, 6-1 Smooth Eacert, 10-1 Woodgate, 25-1 Rausai. 1991: SAM DA VINCI 12-11-7 R Dunwoody (2-1) D Nicholson 5 ran

Long handicap: Secret Finale 9-13, Sumset Sam 9-11, Fingers Crossed 9-10, Prince Klank 9-5, Stone Madness 7-13.

ness 7-13.
BETTING: 4-1 Scottish Gold, 9-2 Ourseams Mill, 11-2 See Buck, And T Match, 6-1 Premier Princess, 8-1 Rostreamer, 10-1 Marradong Brook, 14-1 Free Justice, 16-1 others.
1991: ROSTREAMER 6-10-6 R Beggen (7-1) C Srevery 22 rsn.

3.15 TRENT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,785; 3m 4f) (6 runners)

Quai D'Orsay to oblige again QUAI D'Orsay, who gamely to cover, this course and dis-

> succeed again for the in-form Adrian Maguire, who takes over from Rodney Farrant. Sunset And Vine, after a sparkling novice hurdle success here in December, was bitterly disappointing when only third at Lingfield next time out, and may be best watched this time.

Toby Balding's Directly Challenge Trophy over twocould be a danger off his light mark, but Quai D'Orsay is

> Richard Rowe's Irish import Just Moss, winner of a

FONTWELL PARKS

THUNDERER

2.00 French Charmer.

2.30 Freezing 3.00 Silvesino. 3.30 Sunset And Vine. 4.00 ROXALL CLUMP

(nap). 4.30 Mic-Mac Express.

GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO FRIM IN PLACES (CHASE COURSE); GOOD (HURDLES) SIS

FORM FOCUS

Long handicap: Legal Win 9-12, Needwood Poppy 9-2.

BETTING: 9-2 Pay To Dresm, 5-1 Chicasyo, 6-1 Across The Card, Breekers Ahead, 7-1 Freezing, Vado Via, 10-1 Skip Tracer, 12-1 Smart Endeavor, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

3.00 PERCY WOODLAND NOVICES CHASE (£1,957: 3m 2f 110yd) (13 runners)

BETTING: 6-4 Rose Lancaster, 7-2 Silverino, 11-2 Tagmoun Chaufour, 6-1 Escribana, 8-1 Hand Out, 16-1 Janstro, 20-1 Annullair, 25-1 others.

1991: SECRET RITE 8-11-0 D Marphy (15-8 fav) J Gillord 13 ran

2.15 Manenda. 2.45 Ounavarra Mill.

3.15 Smooth Escort. 3.45 Pastoral Pride.

4.15 Victory Anthem. 4.45 Cherrykino.

5.15 Spoonbill Wood.

Long handicap: Sally Pigtalis 9-10, Ludlow Lady 9-7, Pleasant Company 9-5, Oreamside 9-4, Running Valley 8-13

8-13.
BETTING: 7-2 Decidy's Darling, 4-1 Mariners Secret, 9-2 Mananda, 11-2 Ima Delight, 8-1 Sally Pigtalia, 10-1 Charlie's Darling, 12-1 Kovalevskia, 14-1 Pollerton's Pride, 20-1 others.
1991: KITCHI KOO 7-10-10 C Maude (5-1) A J Wilson 14 ran

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 OUNAVARRA MILL.

NOTTINGHAM

RICHARD EVANS 🕐 2.45 MARRADONG BROOK (nap). 3.15 Salamander Joe.

R Beggen 93
R Durwoody 85
J Driscoll (7) 84
Mrs P Nash (7) 99
D Bridgwater (3) 91
C Llowellyn 91
L Harvey 99
V Skittery (5) 85

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... V Slattery (5)

R Greens (5) Mr M Rimel (7) S Wynne (7)

1991: BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU 4-12-1 B Powell (5-1) M Chennon 9 ran

2.00 WALBERTON NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

2.30 MUNDHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

tance winner is fancied to novice chase at Tramore in January, makes a quick reapenge Cin Handicap Chase.

pearance after falling at the third fence at Chettenham last week. He may have too much speed for Roxall Clump in the Certain Justice Chall-Martin Pipe's Noble Insight magBas De Laine to half-elength at the last Font-well meeting and goes on a recovery mission in the Wal-

berton National Hunt Nov-

ices' Hurdle.

RICHARD EVANS

had a bit up his sleeve that day, and the Josh Giffordtrained French Charmer looks to have stronger credentials. He has showed promise in his three outings this term, including a creditable second to Bibendum at Warwick early last month.

French Charmer, a brother to Sparkling Flame, should make up into a decent novice chaser next season, and is napped to underline his potential today.

Silverino may have the edge over Rose Lancaster in

However, Bas De Laine the Percy Woodland Novices' Chase. Charlie Moore's sixyear-old was beaten less than six lengths when fourth to Mander's Way at Newbury last month, and has an easier task this time.

The most appealing bet at Nottingham is Middlewick in the EBF National Hunt Novices's Hurdle.

Simon Christian's sevenvear-old battled on well to take a Warwick novice handicap hurdle last month, and should improve enough to concede 51b to Nicky Henderson's Victory Anthem.

FORM FOCUS

FINAL TOP 371 7th of 12 to Chesapeaks Bey in Windsor (2m, firm) novice chees, JIMSTRIO 2015 5th of 8 to Moze Tidy in Plumpton (2m 4f, good) themflices chees on penultimate start. WILDUR distance cheese on penultimate start. WILDUR chemical control of 8 to Kinson Castle at Wincenton (3m 5tl.VERINO 5161 4th of 7 to Mender's Way in Newbury (3m, good) novice chese, previously 413 feet. Provided the start of 8 to Calabrase in Folkestone (3m 2f, good) to soft) sovice chese. TAGMOUN CHAUFOUR 25161 4th of 5th Clenthrock IDOr at Stretford (3m 2f, good).

3.30 KINGHORNS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,022: 2m 2f) (10 runners)

BETTING: 7-2 Surset And Vine, 4-1 Qual D'Orsay, 6-1 Directly, Eastern Whisper, 8-1 Hats High, 10-1 others. 1991: EDDIE KYBO 6-10-2 G Rowe (20-1) J Gifford 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

HATS HIGH 101 4th of 14 to Kino in Worcester (2m 2; good to soft) handicap hisrds. QUAI D'ORSAY novice hurdle; previously easily beat Keep Out of beat Merch Above nk in 10-numer Plumpton (2m 2; good) handicap hurdle. Plumpton (2m 2; good) handicap hurdle. Sunstant in Chepstow (2m 4; soft) handicap hurdle. SUNSET AND VINE

899 3 and of 8 to Smertle Lee in Lingdield (2m 4, pood) novice hurdle; previously easily beat Keep Out of Debt 41 in 12-numer novice fundle here (2m 6; good). SHIFLLEY ANN 31 2nd of 4 to Merc Asker in Southwell (AW, 2m) handicap hurdle. Sunstant in Selection: SUNSET AND VINE

.00 CERTAIN JUSTICE CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2.103: 2m 2f 110yd) (7 runners)

BETTING: 15-8 Roxell Clump, 5-2 Just Moss, 100-30 They All Forgot Me, 8-1 Mairredee, 1991; ROYAL GREEK 9-12-0 P Scudemore (2-1 fav) M Pipe 9 ran **FORM FOCUS**

JUST MOSS fell 3rd et Cheftenhem (4m, good):
| Nobby in handicap chase over counte and distance previously best Kings Hill II in 11-numer Tramore (good to soft) on penultimate start. SNITTERFIELD (2m 4f, good) novice chase. ROXALL CLUMP (2m 2bit 3rd of 8 to Unique New York in Plumpton (2m 2h good) handicap chase hew York in Plumpton (2m 2h good) handicap chase.

THEY ALL FORGOT ME distance 3rd of 8 to Our Selection: ROXALL CLUMP

4.30 CHARLTON HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £844: 2m 4f) (14 runners) 1 412P-F5 ROYING SEAL 12 (5) (D Bell) W G M Turner 10-12-4 M Hourigen (7) 95
P-P DUCK OR GROUSE 4 (J Upeon) J Upeon 7-12-3 T Byrne (7) 5
3 3042/ GRATEFUL HER 1367 (5) (Max G Gaddeer) Mrs G Gaddeer 12-123 Mes S Gleckter (7) 5
4 P/N THE CLINK 1579 (Max V Thigh) Ms Penny Jones 10-12-3 Miss V Heigh (7) 5
5 P54/FF-P MC-MAC EUTRESS 36 (CD.F) (Mrs L Sychetrocor) Mrs L Sychetrocor) Mrs L Sychetrocor 9-12-3 N Miss V Heigh (7) 5
6 44/B NEW MARKET 40 (P McAllater) Max R Pennen 8-12-3 M Gorman (7) 7
7 /2/F45-U PRIVATEPERFORMANCE 36 (S) (T-Hirschield) W Smith 10-12-8 A Hickonen (7) 90
8 22975/P TINITO HELL 31 (J. Smith) Mrs L Sychetrocor 9-12-3 M Febron (7) 99
9 3606/20 TRUST THE GYPSY 19 (Max 8 Whettern) J Dulosee 10-12-3 M Febron (7) 99
10 2526/63 VULIGANS LOVE 15 (Mis C Penny) Mrs J Liston 10-12-8 NON-RUNNIER 65
1 PP2PY WIESS RANGE 1022 (P Buckle) P Buckle 13-12-3 P Hickonen (7) 93
3 3/2 LUVANIGSS 15 (J Marman) Mrs S Nesh 10-11-12 Nirs P Nesh (7) 93
4 6 ROCKMOUNT ROSE 15 (G Luckle R Rower 74-11-2 Mrs P Nesh (7) 95
ETTING: 52 Roving Seal, 7-2 Mic-Max Express, 4-1 Trust The Gypsy, 6-1 Luvanidae, 10-1 others.

BETTING: 52 Roving Seel, 7-2 Mic-Mac Express, 4-1 Trust The Gypey, 6-1 Luvantides, 10-1 others.
1991: PASTORAL PRIDE 7-11-11 Miss P Curting (5-4 fev) C Smith 16 ran FORM FOCUS

ROVING SEAL tailed off Sth. of 15 to Wellington Brown in Wincamton (3m 11, good) hunter chase.

GRATEFUL HERR 71 3nd of 6 to Public Major at Feltenthem (2m 51, good) in May 1988.

LUVE 201 5th and YOUNG EVPRESS pulled up. LUVEANAC EXPRESS pulled up. LUVEANACE EXPRESS pulled up. LUVEANACE EXPRESS seally beat Plearang Blaze 6 in confirmed point at Thorpe Lodge (good to firm).

Selection: TRUST THE GIPSY. **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINERS. **JOCKEYS** P Scudemore G McCourt D Murphy W McFarland D Skyrme A Maguire

3.45 DINGLEY DELL HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,203: 3m) (11 runners)

4.15 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

SETTING: 7-4 Middlewols, 2-1 Victory Anthem, 4-1 Sour Bey, 6-1 Dawn Chance, 14-1 others. 1991: PINATA 5-10-9 M Bowlby (5-1) Mrs J Pitman 11 ran

4.45 WELLAND MOVICES CHASE (£2,168: 2m 6f) (14 runners) BETTING: 94 Americ, 3-1 Cherrylano, 92 Vale Of Secrecy, 6-1 Comhampton, 8-1 L. Forever, 10-1 others. 1991: REHAB VENTURE 7-11-4 J Osborne (14-1) J Old 14 nm

5.15 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,720: 2m) (25 runners)

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS JOCKEYS Runners Per cent 28 10 10 11 48 12 32.1 30.0 30.0 27.3 27.1 25.0

SETTING: 11-4 Bitto Baggins, 7-2 Applied Graphics, 4-1 Breaches Buoy, 6-1 Cottage Walk, 8-1 others.

Doncaster to stage first Sunday fixture in July

By MICHAEL SEELY

mond Stakes at Ascot.

ple, do we start at 1 jam, as

they do in Japan, and then

have a break for lunch? Of

course, a lot will depend on

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cate us, if we can get them to

cover it.

DONCASTER and Cheltenham are the racecourses that have been chosen by the Jockey Club for the experimental Sunday meetings.

Doncaster has been allo-

cated an historic first Sunday fixture on July 28, followed by Cheltenham on November

Nigel Clark, chairman of the Sunday Racing Commit-tee, said: "Now that the stewards have made the decision. we can get down to the business of making these two meetings an enormous success which the politicians cannot fail to recognise.

"I must stress that they should not be regarded as just ordinary race days with a restriction on cash betting.

The whole purpose of holding them is to provide an opportunity for the racing public to send a clear message to the government while, at the same time, having an extraordinarily good day

take place with the Doncaster and Cheltenham management to agree the programmes and discuss plans for sponsorship, marketing, etc. Procedures will also be worked out for off-course credit betting and the admission of racegoers to the course, which the stewards

Discussions are now to

Doncaster's high-summer To provide a balanced promeeting will take place the day after the King George VI gramme will obviously be difficult. "July's a very busy and Queen Elizabeth Diatime of the year. Maybe, we'll have to lower our sights a bit Welcoming the news, John to attract competitive fields."

Sanderson, Doncaster's No cash betting will be chief executive, commented: allowed. "There's a separate We hope to be meeting the working party, sitting under Jockey Club in seven to ten Colonel Tommy Wallis, to days' time to get battle plans consider this aspect. But the together.

"We've got to talk about sponsorship, timing, etc. It's Jockey Club has stressed that everything must be legal and that section five of the Betgot to be a day of entertainment, a family day. For examting and Gaming Act must be

strictly adhered to."
At present it is illegal to bet on or off-course on a Sunday, yet it is possble for bookmakers' credit account holders to make a wager by telephone.

However, yesterday's announcement was condemned by Britain's leading bookmakers, Ladbrokes, who claimed it would lead to a "wholly unacceptable" amount of illegal betting. Edward Gillespie. Chelten-

ham's general manager, said: "We'll be pleased to be doing it at Cheltenham, which is a decent racecourse. We feel we've got a good chance of

"Having it on that Sunday will make it a three-day meeting, as the Friday and Saturday are both already well established. Like Doncaster, we may have to look for quantity rather than quality, with-out lowering our standards."

Royal Gait forced to miss rest of season

SHEIKH Mohammed's nary advice and will rest him champion hurdler Royal Gait was yesterday ruled out for the remainder of the National Hunt season, and will not race on the Flat this year.

An injury, aggravated dur-ing his gallant win at Chel-tenham last Tuesday, means that there will now be no dramatic return to the scene of his 1988 Ascot Gold Cup disqualification. Royal Gait, who had only

three races over timber before his festival triumph, sprung a splint on his near-fore ten days previously, and aggravated it during the race. The Sheikh's racing man-

with the intention of bringing him back for a preparatory programme aimed at the 1993 Champion Hurdle." He added: "It's unfortu-nate, but it's not long-term.

Kribensis, the Sheikh's other champion hurdler, is also on the sidelines after his

Royal Gait, having cut into himself during the race, and Stroud reported: "Kribensis is in rather a poor state, and it

Carson on Roseate Lodge

Robert Armstrong has therefore snapped up the services of Willie Carson for Roseate Lodge, who finishing second over five furlongs on the all-weather at Southwell on Saturday.

The absence of the original top-weight, Committed 1 to 25-1.

Gillespie: high hopes

At least we got him there and won the race we set out to

comeback attempt ended so disappointingly.

He finished last behind

ager, Anthony Stroud, said:
"Although this injury is not serious, we have taken veteriors, we have taken veteriors, we have taken veteriors, and the said: will be a long process — but, hopefully, he will be able to go for next year's race as well."

DEPRECATOR has been Dancer, means the weights withdrawn by John Gosden will rise 4lb, leaving another from Saturday's William Hill Irish challenger, Tommy Lincoln Handicap (Michael Stack's Gaelic Myth, at the

The sponsors have short-ened Pat Eddery's mount Maggie Siddons to 8-1 from 10-1 after a bet of £2,000 to win £20,000, and cut Roseate Lodge to 16-1 from 25-1. Gabbiadini and High Low were also supported from 40-

Scudamore waits on favourite

PETER Scudamore is on standby to replace Adrian Maguire on the Martell Grand National favourite, Cool Ground.

Maguire promised to ride Martin Pipe's Omerta at Aintree before his dramatic Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup victory on Cool Ground last

Cool Ground's owner, Peter Bolton, said yesterday that if Maguire rides Omerta, Scudamore has agreed to take the mount on the Gold Cup winner.

Bolton, who owns the Whitcombe Manor Estate in Dorset where Cool Ground is trained, has given Maguire seven days to decide which horse to ride. "I must have the best for

the horse — after all he is favourite—and it's wonderful to have Peter on standby," Bolton said.

goes for Omerta and for any reason the horse doesn't run then Peter will keep the ride on Cool Ground. That's only

Scudamore's greatest ambition is to win the National, and Cool Ground would be his best chance vet.

Sowersby has sparkling treble

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

THE fall of the favourite Rich And Red, when disputing the lead three fences from home in the maiden at the Holderness point-to-point on Saturday, eased the task of Scalby Anna who went on to win by ten lengths.

This was the third success at the meeting for Mike Sowersby, who started the afternoon by winning the members race on his own horse, G Derek, and followed up with Speaker's Corner in the open. Sowersby's feat was matched by Simon Andrews

at the South Wold. He won

Saint and Deep In The Arc-After a spell hunter chas-

ing, Lislary Lad reverted to racing between the flags and the even money favourite for the Brecon open never gave his supporters any cause for concern.

The Caroline Saunderstrained Lady Tiki was sur-prisingly on offer at 33-1 at one stage in the betting before hardening to a still-generous 14-1 at the off in a good-class open at the Oakley.

on Cawkwell Tom. Krystle fences to jump and ran on well for Johnny Greenall to beat Saybright and the ever-

green Border Burg.
Alison Dare had her sixth win of the season, though somewhat luckily, in the RMC qualifer at Sir W W Wynn's Swinhoe Croft was going well in the lead when he fell at the third-last, leaving Mendip Express clear. ☐ Dromin Joker, last year's Heythrop four-mile winner, collapsed and died after the meet of the Warwickshire Hounds at Foxcote on

Storey, 1-7 (av), 2, Zarbano (20-1); 3, Full O'Praise (7-1) 8 ran, NR: Red Sais, Sh nd, 8. R. Allan, Tole: \$1.20, £1.10, £2.10, £1.20, OF, £8.50, CSF: £5.59.

3.45 (2m hdie) 1, Okd Peg (L Murianey, 2-1 lav); 2, Kirder Vision (14-1); 3, Royalist (17-2) 12 ran, NE; Dancing Days; 5; 33/51 M H Easterby, Tote 52 90; 57 60; £4 00; 61.50, DF 62280; CSF; 622.26, Tincaet; £190.39.

She took the lead with three **RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS**

Wolverhampton

Going: good
2.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, NEEDWOOD
MUPPET (L Harvey, 12-1); 2, Now Your
Tafidin (J Osborne, 6-1); 3, Transmit (P
Niven, 10-1); ALSO RAN: 5 Few Menditus
(5th), 6,Jimmy O'Dea, 8 Liacca Sam (4th),
10 Christmas Gorse (pu), 12
Silevenamaddy (pu), Sharsef Star (6th),
14 Khojohn, 15 Just David, 20 Bishop's
Tople (pu), 25 Effic's Son (pu), 50
Gaelgoir (pu), 14 ran, NPI: Affair O'Honour, Freeleigh Builds, 12, 119; 43, 39;
123. B Morgan at Barton-underNeedwood, Totle: Ef6.40; E5.10, E3.70,
E3.00, DF: £64.90, CSF: £75.71, Tricast:
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3,00 (2m 4f ch) 1, PLASTIC SPACEAGE

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3.00 (2m 4f ch) 1, PLASTIC SPACEAGE
(T Grantham, 4-1 law): 2, Richwille (16-1);
3, Siteare Soy (S J O'Neil, 9-2); ALSO
RAN: 9-2 William Anthony (8th), 11-2 Dare
Say, 13-2 Lumberjack (pu), 8 Fighting
Jessica (4th), 25 Floyal Cracker, Metric,
Mee Greene, 100 Just Mick, Bealt Thyme
(5th), 12 ran. 4; sh hd, 6t, 30t, hd J Oid et
Shepton Mallet, Tote: P4-90: 22-50, P3-50,
E2-50, DF: £38-80. CSF: £56-74. Tricast:
£268-80.

2288.80.
3.90 (2m hdie) 1. TROJAN CALL (9)
Dunwoody, 15-2; 2. Knight's Spur (M
Lynch, 13-8 lav); 3. Schweppes Tonic (D
Matthews, 8-1; ALSO RAN: 6 Easy Over
(4th), 8 by Far (6th), 10 Master Selesman,
14 Shades Of Peace (5th), 25 The Bank
(pul. 33 Fanille (pu). 50 Bradmore's
Vision. 10 ran. NR: Bickerman, Sunset
Reins Free. 11, 6; 2½; 1½1, 2; R Rowe at
Storrington. Tole: 58.20; 530, 51.10.
\$1.60. DF: \$8.40. CSF \$18.57 Tricast:
\$270.84.

4.00 (3m 11 ch) 1, VIRIDIAN (M Lynch. 4 | 2.45 (2m hdle) 1, Flowing River (5

after 16 years race-riding.

Keightley decides to retire SHAUN Keightley an-racing, retired after Mandika nounced his retirement at had finished fifth in the

Placepot £212.50. Newcastle

Going: firm

Wolverhampton yesterday opener. The Newmarket-based Keightley, aged 32, who jockey reached his decision in has ridden about 200 win- a traffic jam on the way to the ners both jump and Plat course.

1): 2, Bonnie Dundee (N Williamson, 7-1): 3, Tiber Melody (P Maddock, 8-1): ALSO RAN: 11-8 fev Betty Hayes (6th), 8 Joburn (4th), 25 Heart Of Kings (pu), Warren Bridge (5th), 38 Poeching Pocket (ur), 68 Luck Money (pu), 100 Horroum (pu), indian Jewei (pu), 11 ran NFF Everstode, Your Opinion, 108, 68, 68, 300, 151 Mrs A King at Smattor-don-Avon Totle: C3, 30; £1 40, \$2, 20, £2 40, DF £16,90 C5F: £27 72 4,30 (3m 11 ch) 1, GUNNER'S FLIGHT (Mr M Houtgen, 13-8 fav); 2, Double SMr (Mr R Trailoggen, 15-8); 3, Cultene (Mr J Greenat, 12-1) ALSO RAN: 8 Jasez (5th), Radical Views (4th), 16 Shraden Leader (pu), 33 Another Lucas (pu), 50 Kelly's Court (f), Win Electric (5th), 100 Tudor Ridge (pu), Sty Poppy (pu), 500 Sporting Challenge (pu), 12 ran NR Conlederate Nd, dist, 15), dist, 201 H Weitstead at Blandford Totle, £2,70; £1 60, £1 10, £2,50 Df. £2 50, £7 56. 4.15 (3m hdle) 1, Polar Region (M Dwyer, 9-4 lav, Richard Evans's nap), 2, Threeoutoflour (7-2), 3, Fettuccine (20-1), 7 ran. NR: Northants. Hd, 51, Jamey Fitzperald, Tole: \$2.30; \$1.50, \$2.10. DF C3.20, CSF; \$2.53, \$1.50, \$2.10. DF C3.20, CSF; \$2.53, \$1.50, \$2.10. DF LO CUL USP: 1933. Tricast 195.16. 4.45 (3m ch) 1, Many A Silp (Mr N Wilson 6-5 tav), 2, Knockleu (11-8); 3, Meadow Green (20-1), 7 ran 6, 20, T Waltord Tote: £1 90; £1.30, £1.50. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.86 5.250 DF. 2250. CSF: 24 76.

5.00 (2m inde) 1. IRISH EMERALD (R.
Beggen, 9-4); 2. Idielgh's Tudor (M.
Priman, 20-1); 3, Nearroe (H. Davies, 251) ALSO RAN: 4-6 tav Ristly (pu), 20
Qualitar Sweetle, 25 Auvillar (5th), 33
Prime Aurora (4th), 50 Mahn; 65 Castellan (5th), Catherine's Lad. 10 ran. 12, 34, 1161, 20, 5 G. Bravery at Newmarket, 10te. £1 10, £1.40, £1.90, £1.90. DF: £1.340, CSF: £29.37.
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Cricket's underachievers reach end of the World Cup road

before the event but they will

scored 313 against Sri Lanka

and still lost, their opponents

Zimbabwe have suffered

some ill-luck with the weather

but both West Indies and

Pakistan shrugged them off

without engaging third gear. By then, their destiny was

clear to Houghton.
When South Africa took 45
overs to reach a modest target
to beat them, Houghton wrily

remarked that he wished they

had been playing West In-dies. "They would have

smacked the runs in 25 overs

and we could have gone home

early," he said. Not the words

of a man who still believes in

Houghton admits he was

apprehensive that his side

would be obliterated, bowled

out for 70 or regularly struck

for 300-plus. He is relieved

that it has not been that bad.

He will, I suspect, be glad to escape with only a subdued

caning from England's walk-

ing wounded and go home

If this is all there is to it,

however, can Zimbabwe real-

ly be taken seriously when, in

July, their application for full Test status is debated by the

International Cricket Coun-

cil? Patently, they are no-

where near good enough. Half the side has been

around for three World Cups

now, simply through lack of competition, and if John

Traicos, 45 this year, still bowls his off spin with angelic

control, others are showing

signs of age or inadequacy.

Houghton speaks affect-

ionately of the ICC Trophy,

which Zimbabwe have won

on the last three occasions to

qualify for a World Cup place, reminiscing about the "pipe and slippers gentlemen" of

Gibraltar and the excitable,

bickering Israelis. This is the

environment Zimbabwe have

are far too good for the sec-

ond division, but the step up

is beyond them. Their quick-est route to redevelopment is

surely an application to play in South Africa's provincial

competitions, as Rhodesia

once did. For now, their crick-

et is too limited to justify Test

status or even to warrant a

Their dilemma is that they

without embarrassment.

tonight have

Feeble Zimbabwe unlikely to pose threat to England

From Alan Lee. cricket correspondent, in albury

THE most disturbing indictment of Zimbabwe's presence in this World Cup is that there is an overwhelming urge to patronise them. Like Corinthian Casuals in the first division or a point-to-point plodder in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, they are not expected to win. They are not expected to do anything except enjoy making up the

It has to be asked if this is sensible or remotely productive. Is it good for the status or spectacle of a world championship that one team should lose every game as a matter of course? Is it good for the team concerned? I am beginning to doubt it.

Zimbabwe complete their programme against England tonight in this undemanding town on the main highway between Sydney and Melbourne. It is a suitably anonymous place. Their record reads played seven, lost seven, and as their captain, David Houghton, has said that England are sure to win the cup, we can take it they are confident the loss column will

soon read eight. Houghton merits inclusion in any World Cup hall of fame. His batting during the last competition, in 1987, was heroic. In Hyderabad, his 141 against New Zealand deserved a more famous result than a three-run defeat.

Four years earlier, Houghton was part of the most famous upset in World Cup history. It was Zimbabwe's first cup match and they beat Australia at Trent Bridge. If Houghton's memories are mixed it is be ause he was out first ball, but he admits that the result "did wonders for our cricket back home".

The world has waited a while now for Zimbabwe to achieve something similar. The contingency has become increasingly less likely. When Australia, anxious and out of sorts, met Zimbabwe again last Saturday, it looked what it was - professionals against

This might not have been understood from the Channel 9 commentary, in which Bill Lawry lavished words such as "superb" and "magnificent" the Australian performance, or from the national news bulletin in which the presenter so forgot himself that he drooled over "our great win against Zimba-bwe". Ours? Great? Against Zimbabwe? Australians suddenly scent that all is not lost and perspective has shame-

lessly given way to jingoism. The sad fact is that any of the Test nations which fail to make short work of Zimbabwe can look forward to a tense team meeting. England, having performed so poorly in Wellington, may have the

Odds are stacked against Australia

the Australia captain, admits the World Cup holders will be extremely fortunate if they manage to reach the semifinals tomorrow, when they play their final group match against West Indies under finodlights here.

'We don't really deserve it. but if we happen to sneak in I don't think many teams will fancy playing us," Border said. Defeat, though, would increase speculation that Border would resign.

If West Indies win they will take the fourth semi-final place. Even if they lose, Australia must win by a large margin - around 35 runs if they bat first, or within 43

the exact figures depending on the totals involved. Even should they manage however, Pakistan can make such calculations unnecessary. If they beat New Zealand in Christchurch tonight and West Indies lose, Pakistan will claim the last semi-final place.

Richie Richardson, the West Indies captain, has said he is looking forward to a "cut-throat" match. "They'll be playing against West Indies and everyone wants to cut our throats. Regardless of the situation, we always like to beat Australia," he said.

New Zealand will want to play fast bowler Danny Morrison if he has recovered from

Best and Adams hold up progress

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN PORT OF SPAIN

know that, since the first WEST Indies found batting round, when Zimbabwe on a poor pitch at Queen's Park yesterday as difficult as England had done on the third day of the first A team Test match here. After they gained a first innings lead of 37, West Indies were 132 for three by tea in their second

> England captured two quick wickets before Best and Âdams heid them up with a watchful third-wicket stand of 89 in 35 overs. Just before tea, Adams was caught at silly point via a pad against Salisbury. The ball continued to come through at varying heights, with those that kept low bringing the most con-cern to the batsmen.

> Munton was unavailable to bowl for England for an hour either side of hunch after being hit on the shoulder by Joseph as he batted. Munton's right arm was left numb, but a precautionary examination disclosed only severe bruising. Munton joined the attack later.

England prolonged their first innings for half an hour at the start and added a further 16 runs. Stephenson was ninth out when he was caught at first slip.

Total (3 wkts)

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☐ lan Bishop, the West Indies fast bowler, has agreed terms for a new three-year contract with Derbyshire. Bob Lark, the Derbyshire chief executive, made a brief visit to Port of Spain this weekend to confirm that Bishop has recovered from



Making his point: Williams shows his determination to take titles off Lewis

Williams visits motivator

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

FRANK Warren is leaving nothing to chance in Derek Williams's preparation for his triple championship heavyweight bout with Lennox Lewis. Warren is sending Williams to Angelo Dundee, the great Ameri-

can trainer. Warren said: "Williams's performances have been lazy. That's why I'm sending him to Dundee. If any-one can get him going it's the great motivator. I spoke to Dundee after Lewis's fight with Levi Billups and he said: 'If your guy can' fight, send him over.' Dundee saw flaws in Lewis in the Billups fight and be-lieves he can be beaten."

Williams is leaving today for Miami. After six weeks Warren believes his man will be in the right frame of mind to relieve Lewis of his British and European titles British and European titles and high world ranking at the Albert Hall on April 30. The six weeks will cost Williams 25 per cent of his purse but he believes it will be worth it. "Dundee and

Horace Notice will be in his corner. If he's got it in him, he's got the man to get it out," Warren said. Williams, who will be back a week before the bout, poured scorn on Lew-is. "He's had a lot of oppo-

sition he can knock over

and they're aiready talking

about his next fight and a world title fight and a de-fence. First it was Bruno coming along the win the world title, then it was Gary Mason, now it's Lewis. Who's going to be next?"

Dundee will have to find

out why the 6ft 5in Williams froze when he faced the little balding French heavyweight, Jean-Maurice Chanet. Whereas Williams was beaten twice in three menths in 1990 by Chanet, Lewis had no trouble tak-ing the European title from the Frenchman. Those Chanet fights were myster-ies," Williams said. "Both times I was drained from. **YACHTING**

Dickson opens up cup series

FROM BOB ROSS IN SAN DIEGO

THE unbeaten run of Nippon, skippered by Chris Dickson, during round-robin three and the two defeats of the previous leader, Rod Davis's New Zealand, has overturned all thoughts about the likely challenger for the America's Cup.

The struggle endured by the third-placed Il Moro di Venezia for speed in the lightair races of round-robin three has left open the semi-finals beginning on March 29. The semi-finalists are Nippon, New Zealand, Il Moro di Venezia and Ville de Paris.

The situation was summarised by Pedro Campos, skipper of the Spanish yacht, España 92: "It depends on the conditions." Campos said. "The feeling we have after racing everybody is perhaps the Italians are very fast in the [stronger] breeze, the Kiwis and the French are very fast in light winds and the Japanese are always fast. It is very difficult."

Nippon's boat and crew looked strong in all roundrobin three races and have a keel change programmed for the semi-finals. New Zealand has a fall-back option in her tandem-keel system, replac-ing the small foil or steering rudder behind it that was removed after round-robin

Peter Gilmour, the skipper of the eliminated Spirit of Australia, which employed similar keel technology but could not make it steer properly except in smooth water, is convinced New Zealand will be the challenger. "I think the tandem keel technology will come through at the end of the day," he said. "I do believe that a tandem keel or variation thereof will win the America's Cup."

RESULTS: Challenger robin three: Nippon (C E Challenge Australia (H

TABLE, FIXTURES AND RESULTS

The final is in Melbourne on Merch 25.

PREVIOUS RESULTS: New Zesland 248-6 (M D Crowe 100 not out, K R Rutherford 57), Australia 211 (O C Boon 100), England 235-9 (R A Smith 91, G A Gooch 51), India 227 (R J Shestin 57), Paldistan 220-2 (Ramic Rejs 102, Javed Manded 57 not out, West Indias 221-0 (O L Haynes 33 not out, B C Lars & retwed hut) Zimbehwe 313-4 (A Flower 115 not out, A C Walter 83 not out, K J Armott 52, Sri Lanks 314-7 (A Renaharren Arnott 52), Sri Lanka 314-7 (A Rans 88 not out, M A R Samarasekera 7 88 not out, M A R Samarasèkera 75, R S Mahaname 59). Sri Lanka 2069 (R S Mahaname 80), New Zealand 210-4 (K R

Indies 284-8 (B C Lara 72, C L Hooper 53, R B Pichardson 55), Zimbabwe 189-7 (A Shah 60 not out, D L Houghton 55), South Africa 190-7 (P N Kirsten 90), New Zesland 191-3 (M J Greatbaston 59, R T Lathem 50), Australia 237-9 (D M Jones 90), Indie 234 (M Afteruddin 93), India 3 largal revised to236 in 47 overs. Pakistan 74, England 24-1 — no result. South Africa 195, Srl Lanka 198-7 (R S Mahanama 68, A Parastungs 64 not out, New Zealand 182-3 (M D Crowe 74 not out, A H Jones 57), Zimbabwe 105-7, India 216 (S R Tendaker 54 not out, Pakistan 173 (Kamer Sohali 52), South Africa 200-8 (P N Kristen 56), West Indias 136 (A L Logie 61; M W Pringia 4-11), Australia 171 (T M Moody 51; IT Bothem 4-31), England 173-2 (G A Gooch 58, I T Bothem 50), India 203-7 (S R Tenduker 61), Zimbabwe 104-1, Srl Lanka 189-9 (P Ade 58/e 52), Australia 190-3 (G I Marsh 60), T M Moody 57), West Indias 203-7 (B C Lara 52), New Zealand 206-5 (M D

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STUDENT SPORT University

bodies are to merge

AFTER nearly 20 years of striving, the two governing bodies of university sport in Britain agreed to merge at the weekend (Mark Herbert writes). From October, the start of the next academic year, a single sporting programme will operate, amaigamating the competitions of the Universities Athletic Union and British Universities Sports Federation.

The merger payes the way for Scottish universities plus London, Oxford and Cambridge, to enter national knockout competitions. The constitutional merger will be completed by 1995.

SQUASH RACKETS

Dittmar's revenge draws near

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

THE absence of Jahangir Khan, the world No. 1 and ten-time British Open champion, from next month's event may present Chris Dittmar with an ideal chance for revenge over his Austra-

lian compatriot. Rodney Martin, the world champion. In the draw of 500 players from 31 nations yesterday, Dittmar's second seeding scheduled him for successive and familiar Australian opposition after early rounds against Stephen Meads, of England, and Mark Mac-

lean, of Scotland. If the seeding holds true, Dittmar should meet Brett Martin and Chris Robertson on his way to the semi-finals.

There, he will possibly play Rodney Martin, the man who surprisingly defeated him and both Khans, from Pakistan, to win the world title in Adelaide last August.

Janshir Khan, promoted to leading seed after years of playing second fiddle to Ja-hangir at the British Open, has probable opponents in Chris Walker, England's European closed champion, and Peter Marshall, the doublehanded British champion, before a semi-final against the third-seeded world champion.

Susan Devoy, of New Zealand, the women's top seed, has a similarly demanding draw and Sue Wright, the

British champion, who defeated Devoy in the British Open last year, is her likely quarter-final opponent.

Lisa Opie, the fifth-seeded defending champion, is due to meet the No. 1 players of five nations in the bottom half of the draw.

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SEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherston v Bromagnova; Burton v Gravesend (7.45); Dover v Poole (7.45).

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PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Everion v Sunderland (7.0). Record division: Oldham v Derby (7.0). Second division: Oldham v Derby (7.0). NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Chelses Res v Cystall Palace (2.0); OPR v Arsenel (2.0); West Ham v Fullham (2.0).

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Officials deny they are to meet police

By KEITH MACKLIN

RUGBY League officials yesterday denied that they were to have an emergency meeting with Leeds police following the crowd disturbances at Headingley during the Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final between Castleford and Hull

on Saturday.

The public affairs executive, David Howes, said: "We shall follow the customary practice of receiving and considering the normal police report on the game, and then we will decide whether action needs to be taken at future

major events." He said that chie Hamilton, minister of Headingley had had an unblemished record in staging big games, and the outbreak of fighting during the interval at Saturday's game took police and stewards by surprise. About 100 spectators caused the trouble, some ar-

rests were made, and the kickoff for the second half was delayed. Amateur rugby league can now be played officially within the armed forces following years of pressure and lobbying by the all-party group of MPs supporting rugby

league at Westminster. Ar-

defence, issued a statement saying: "I am happy to say that the combined services sports board have met, and I. can confirm there is no reason why amateur rugby league cannot be played at unit level whereever the game is sufficiently popular. There is also no reason why equipment cannot be made available from unit sport stores, and standard rugby pitches and facilities can also be

Tom O'Donovan, the national development officer for scrum half, who has just rerugby league, said: "The an- turned to action.

used."

nouncement is a major breakthrough for rugby league, and for the game's ambition to become a truly national SDOIL"

Alex Murphy, coach of Huddersfield, the third division leaders, has turned down an invitation to coach the French national side. ☐ The Wales team to play France at Swansea on Sun-

day will be announced today. The choice was delayed for 24 hours for checks to be made on injured players, including Kevin Ellis, the Warrington

Second division Bristof C v Wolverhampton (7.45) ...
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OTHER SPORT

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL 7.30 unless stated Barclays League First division Notts County v Everton (7.45)..

Third division **Autoglass Trophy**

Burnley v Huddersfield Crewe v Stockport...... Southern section Leyton Orient v Stoke (7.45)... Peterborough v Wrexham GM Vauxhall Conference

FA Trophy Quarter-final replay Redbridge v Marine . B and Q Scottish League

RUGBY LEAGUE

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ICE HOCKEY Panthers manage to steer clear of Wasps

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

BY SECURING second place in the Heineken League premier division in the final son. Nottingham Panthers

weekend of the regular seawill avoid Durham Wasps in the championship play-offs. The draw for the remaining places in the two four-team groups, as well as the groupings for the promotion

and relegation play-offs, will win the first division. They be made today. Beaten at home by Murray-

field Racers on Saturday, the Panthers needed an away win over Norwich and Peterborough Pirates on Sunday and achieved it easily with Dan Dorion scoring five of their 11 goals.
Fife Flyers found them-

selves in a similar position to

Jets on Saturday, but beat Lee Valley Lions 11-5 on Sunday, after trailing 3-0 after the first period. It is to be hoped that the

prospect of the play-offs in a formight's time will not distract the British players for pool C of the world championships, starting on Humthe Panthers if they were to berside tomorrow.

were defeated 10-6 by Slough

RESULTS: Premier division; Ayr Raiders 9, Bracknell Beas 0; Humberside Seahewks 3. Norwich and Peterborogh Pirates 9; 3. Norwich and Peterborogh Pirates 9. Notroghem Parinters 8. Notroghem Parinters 8. Notroghem Parinters 9. Notroghem Parinters 9. Notroghem Bombers 5. Murrayheid Racers 5. Bracknal Bees 6. Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 4. Notroghem Parithers 11. Whatley Warnors 8. Ayr Radies 3. Fast division: Basingstoke Beavers 15. Lee Valley Lons 7; Basickburn Stackhawtes 8. Romford Radies 14; Stough Jetts 10, File Piyers 6. Swindom Wildcals 4. Wilton Krynes Knigs 9; Talford Tigers 8. Trafford Metros 5; Lee Valley Lons 5, Fife Piyers 11: Milton Krynes Knigs 4, Tellord Tigers 8; Romford Radiers 8, Basingstoke Beever 10; Trafford Metros 8, Blackburn Blackhawks 5. YACHTING

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Boskov's departure may fuel Sampdoria's desire

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL BY PETER ROBINSON

Roma in the skinner with the Swelle, Sven Gorda Erikston.

Switte. Sven Gordar Erikston. taking his place.

Sampdotta hardly needed any extra moutship for the impending visit of Ander. With the Beiglan champibles to the Luigi Ferfarts stadium, but with the news of Busine's departure, they take found it anyway. Hoskov has been a popular figure at the dub and, in winning the Soudetto, the Hillian thamp.

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ionship, has seasoh, he brought Sampaloria their greatest homeur. His players will be desperate of five him a triomphant farewell.

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points clear in the Portuguese league courtesy of a 2-0 defeat of Sporting Braga.

Red. Star Beat their Bel-

grade neighbodis, OFK, 2-1 to lead in Yugoslavia before they olsy the Greeks from Panathinailos, but the news that Darko Pancev has signed a preliminary contract with Internazionale was not what the club wanted to hear. Defan Savicevic is already heading for Italy, and AC Million, at the end of the

strich. In the French Cup, AS Mowere taken to extra time and then penalties in a deending second-round tie at Attherre, hardly ideal prepa-ration for their Cup Winners' Cup tie with AS Roma, but sudden death victory after a 2-2 draw at least keeps them in the competition. Only sev-en first division sides have survived to number among the last 16, with Paris Saint-Germain, Le Havre and, most surprising of all, Nintes, dropping out. Pau, of the third division, scored an equaliser in the last minute of extira time to scrape a 3-3 draw and promptly put Nines out 5-4 on penalties.

There was drama, too, in Germany, where Erich Ribbeck saw Bayern Munich mark his first game in charge with a 2-0 defeat of Hara-

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FC Porto, played 28, 45pts; 2, Benica, 25,
38; 3, Bosvista, 28, 34.
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burger SV, Wohlfarth and Thon scoring both goals in the last two minutes. Borussia Dortmund dismissed last year's champions. Kaiserslautern, 3-1 to stay ahead of Eintracht Frankfurt, who won 3-1 at Nuremburg.

Events in Spain were overshadowed by the death of a 13-year-old spectator at the Español v Cadiz match in Barcelona. Guillermo Lazaro was struck in the chest by a steel-tipped maritime distress flare fired from the other side of the pitch before the kickoff. Two men were later

□ Ruud Gullit, Milan's Dutch international midfield player, has injured his left knee and may need surgery. Guilit's career was almost ended by an injury to his right knee three years ago. ☐ Michel Platini, the man-

ager of France, yesterday recalled the goalkeeper, Bruno Martini, and the winger, Pascal Vahirua, both of Auxerre, in his 16-strong squad for the international match with Belgium in Paris on March 25. Martini and Vahirua

missed last month's 2-0 defeat against England at Wembley, which ended a French unbeaten run of almost three years, because of AFRICAN (CIG-Aming Engl. Culf. Fig.)
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SMISS LEAGUE: Final phase: Neuchélie! Xilmae 2; Sion 2; Servicité 1, Lassanne C; St Galen 4, Young Boys BSC 1; FC Zurich O, Grasshoper Zurich 2. Leading positions (after three matches including half the points from queltifying phase): 1, Grasshoper Zurich, 2 lpts; 2, Ston, 17; 3, Lassanne, 17.

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Trabzonspor,



Talking tennis: Becker has words with his racket after a poor shot in Florida

Graf pursues perfect game

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN KEY BISCAYNE

LACK of match practice has sive tactically and mixing up not disturbed Steffi Graf's her shots more, none of traditional slaughter of the innocents. Yesterday, in her only her third tournament of the year, the No. 2 seed allowed Raffaella Reggi just four games as she reached the fourth round of the Lipton International here in

Florida..... and say you as Ever the early bird, Graf was on and off court long before midday; leaving others to sweat it out under the heat of the Florida sun. Yet, the German, who had to withdraw from the Australian Open with a viral infection in January and missed almost the whole of the first two months of the season, is still searching for the perfect

Under new coach. Heinz Gunthardt, Graf is trying to lend variety to a game which is no longer the dominant force it once was. She is trying to come to the net more, learning to be more aggres-

which will be good news for the rest of the women's tour. "It's difficult to be at the top of my game right now because I am trying out so many different things," Graf said yesterday. "The more I do it, the happier I am, but

there is still some way to go." Graf's change of coach — from Pavel Slozil to Gunthardt — was seen as a response to the growing domination of Monica Seles. who has been champion at Lipton for the past two years and has just celebrated the first anniversary of her rise to world No. 1. But Graf says the motivation for the new model was neither Seles nor increasing boredom at the monotony of her game. "I just feel there is so much more to come from my game

and I would be stupid if I didn't try to use it." Whatever the stage of transition, Graf was still far too

strong for Reggi-Concato, who was outhit from all sides and only had tenacity to offer. Graf meets Kimiko Date, the rising star of the land of the rising sun, in the fourth round and will be more severely tested by the Japanese girl.

In the second round of the men's singles, Boris Becker Edberg had to survive the loss of the opening set against a qualifer, Grant Stafford from South Africa, who was forced to retire with leg cramp at the start of the final against Brazil.

The Czechs have not been enjoying themselves. Both Karel Novacek and Petr Korda, the numbers ten and seven seeds respectively. failed to reach the fourth round.

IN BRIEF

Graham is ordered to defend

Herol Graham, outpointed by Sumbu Kalambay, the European champion, in Italy last week, has been told to defend his British middle-weight title against Frank Grant, of Bradford.

Grant was refused permis sion by the British Board of Control to box Graham last October because a brain scan raised "queries". He has now been cleared.

Krabbe hearing

Athletics: The German Athletics Federation will hear the case of Katrin Krabbe and two other suspended sprint-ers on April 4. Krabbe, Grit Breuer and Silke Möller were suspended for four years last month after drug-test irregu-

No united Korea

Olympic Games: Rivals South and North Korea are unlikely to form a united team for the Barcelona Summer Olympics. The countries have until March 25 to submit a proposal for a single team for the Games in in July. but no action has been taken.

Pavin triumphs

Golf: Corey Pavin beat Fred Couples in a sudden-death play-off in the Honda Classic in Fort Lauderdale on Sunday. Nick Faldo, of Britain. tied for seventeenth place. ☐ Peter McEvoy, twice Amateur champion and five times a Walker Cup player, is to take golf lessons for the first time to stimulate my game".

Under pressure

Rowing: Eton, winners of the schools head for the past two years, will be under pressure at Putney today to prevent Hampton snatching their

Tignes double

Skiing: Valerie Scott and Bill Gaylord took the giant slalom titles at the British Land British national championships yesterday at Tignes.

Edberg to lead

Tennis: Stefan Edberg will head Sweden's team for the had one of his more lethargic days, struggling to beat the Frenchman, Arnaud Boetsch, in three sets and Stefan and Christian Bergstrom make up the remainder. ☐ Italy have named Omar Camporese, Paolo Cane, Diego Nargiso and Stefano Pescosolido for the quarter-

Half missing

American football: Fewer than half of the London Monarchs who won the inaugural World League of American Football championship last June have returned to Let calls go, page ! | defend the title.

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Classic: Final scores (US unless stated): 273: C Pavin, 88, 67, 70, 68; F Couples, 69, 68, 65, 71 (Pavin won play-off at second hole) 274: M Brooks, 69, 70, 64, 71; B R Brown, 68, 69, 69, 65; K Clearwater, 66, 70, 70, 68, R Floyd, 66, 68, 71, 69; B McCattlater, 68, 88, 68, 70, 275; B Lietzks, 70, 68, 71, 68, 276; C Strange, 72, 70, 69, 66; A Magee, 71, 70, 68, 67, 277; N Price (Zim, 71, 69, 71, 69, 78, 68, 62; D Forsman, 89, 87, 170, 278; B Chamblee, 71, 69, 71, 68, Rritish; 279; N Paido, 69, 74, 65, 71

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GYMNASTICS EXEYER: British men's national championships: 1, N Thomas (Lilesheil), 86 0; 2, J May (Bristol), 84.625, 3, P Bowler (Manchester), 84.0

Jasper: overall victory in British speed skating QUEEN'S CLUB: Lacoste British Amateur Doubles Championship: Semi-finals: W Boone and T Cockroft bl M Hue Williams and M Windows, 9-15, 15-7, 18-13, 15-3, 15-1, 19-ren and A Robinson bt M and P Michells, 18-13, 15-8, 17-15, 15-12. Final: Boone and Cockroft bt Prenn and Robinson, 15-13, 15-13, 9-15, 15-8, 15-7.

RALLYING STAGES RALLIES: Moonbeam Rally (Shropshre): 1. D Deigmen (Yauxhali Nova), 25min 18sec: 2. N Huffer (Escort), 24.21; 3. A Hodgeon (Escort), 32.18. March Hare (Gioucestershire): 1. P Naylor (Sapphre Cosvorth), 51mm 38sec; 2. R Newmen (Escort), 52.13. 3. G Park (Escort), 52.16 Lakeland (Cumbra): 1. A McRee (Sierz Cosworth), 44min 54sec; 2. Y Hodgeon (Escort), 47.13; 3. S Petch (Sierza Cosworth), 47.14 SHOOTING

WOLVERHAMPTON: British Air Rifle championships: Men: 1, C Hector (Bedford), 691.7: 2, J Potts (Twickenhem), 674.8: 3, R Law (Stiring), 674.8: Women: 1, H Jones (Burton), 483.7: 2, D Lawrence (Burningham), 475.9: 3, I Dew (Brrningham), 475.1 British Sports Association for the Disabled Championship: 1, K Hyde (Southern Region), 696. SKIING

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PANORAMA, Canada: World Cup: Men: Super glant slation standings: 1, P Accola (Seatz), 429pts; 2, M. Ginardelli (Lux), 266, 1, J. 429pts; 2, M. Ginardelli (Lux), 266, 3, G Mader (Austina), 266, 4, J Einer Thorsen (Nor), 225, 5, K Andre Aamodi (Nor), 220, 6, U Kashn (Swriz), 152, 0, C Fususein (Nor), 160, 9, M Wasmpler (Ger), 156, 10, M Hangi (Swritz), 152, Overall standings (after 29 races and 3 Combined); 1, Accole, 1,572, 2, A Tomba (ti), 1,162; 3, Ginardelli 956, 4, Frunselli, 854; 5, Henzer, 842; 6, Mader, 752, 7, Wasmeler, 738, 8, Matrier, 646; equal 9, A J Krift (US), 594, equal 9, Ortieb, 594, GB placing; 134, R Duncen World Cup women's super glant slation standings; 1, Morle, 317pts; 2, M Freideski (Nor), 225; 1, Morle, 317pts; 2, M Freideski (Nor), 225; 1, Morle, 317pts; 2, M Freideski (Nor), 255; 1, Morle, 317pts; 2, M Freideski (Nor), 256; 1, Morle, 137pts; 2, M Freideski (Nor), 257; 1, Morle, 137pts; 2, M Freideski (Nor), 257; 1, Morle, 137pts; 2, Morle, 138, 8, Rotte, 181, 9, 5 Eder (Austrie), 176; 10, 5 Sadiceder (Austrie), 154, Overall standings; 1, Kronberger, 1, 205pts, 2, Merie, 1011; 3, V Schneder (Swiz), 902; 4, Sazmger, 876; 5, P Wiberg (Swe), 771; 6, S Ginther (Austria), 746, 7, Vogl, 621, 8, Zurbriggen, 603; 9, Compagnon, 590; 10,

B Fernandez Ochoz (Sp), 577 Nations Cup standings: 1. Austria, 10,525pts; 2. Switzerland, 9,578, 3. Germany, 5,719; 4, Italy, 5,218; 5, Norway, 3,957; 6, France, 3,385; 7, United States, 3,003, 8, Sweden, 2,244; 9, Canada, 1,099; 10, Luxembourg, 965

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CYCLING

Court clears Bauer of sprint finish charges

Oudenaarde, Belgium: A court here yesterday acquitted Steve Bauer, of Canada, of assault charges brought by Claude Criquielion, of Belgium, after Criquielion crashed during the sprint finish of the 1988 world championships. Bauer had veered off his line during the finish. Criquielion is expected to appeal against the decision. Criquielion, who retired

from professional cycling last year, said Bauer had pushed him into the railings during a three-man sprint finish in nearby Ronse, costing him the lucrative world title. Mauricio Fondriest, of Italy. won instead. Bauer was disqualified and had to leave the scene under the protection of police while the outraged Criquiclion supporters were kept at bay. Immediately after the race.

Criquielion, then aged 31, filed charges of voluntary and involuntary assault against Bauer. The court ruled it was not

proven beyond doubt that Bauer pushed Criquielion into the railings.

Criquielion could have sued for damages had Bauer been convicted. Observers feared many similar incidents would have to be settled in court in the future if the judge had convicted Bauer.

After a grueling 168-mile race, Criquielion, Fondriest and Bauer started the tough uphill sprint to the finish together. Bauer took the early initiative but appeared to run out of steam with 100 metres to go while Criquielion surged. When the Belgian moved alongside the Canadian. Bauer veered off his line. forcing the Belgian into the railings.

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Fondriest, seemingly in a lost position, swooped around the two and was unchallenged when crossing the finish line for his unlikely win. Criquielion, his bike bro-

ken in the crash, limped across the finish line over a minute after Foudriest. (AFP) . Monte Conero, Italy: Moreno Argentin, of Italy, beat Leonardo Sierra, Venezuala, by 14 seconds yesterday to score a consecutive stage victory in the sixth leg of the Tirreno-Adriatico race.

Rolf Sorensen, of Denmark, who finished seventh 20 seconds behind the winner, snatched the jersey of overall leader from Andrea Chiurato, of Italy. Chiurato, who had entered the stage with a narrow lead of two seconds over Sorensen, fell to seventh place overall. (AP)

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Taylor picks a largely predictable squad

Hateley returns to resume his England career

By STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE international career of Mark Hateley has been resurrected. It started in 1984 and finished, apparently, in 1988. with appearances as a substitute in fixtures against the Soviet Union, both of which ended in defeat.

At the age of 31, he has been recalled to the England squad and, if Graham Taylor chooses to turn back the clock against Czechoslovakia in Prague next Wednesday, he could reform his partnership with Gary Lineker. The pair were selected seven times to-gether in the middle of Bobby Robson's reign.

Hateley's professional live-lihood has been chequered by transfers, which have taken him to AC Milan and Monaco, among other places, and particularly by injuries. A rumbustious and fearless centre forward, he has been betrayed by legs that have often collapsed under various

Had he not been the victim of yet another ailment earlier in the year, he would doubt-less have been brought back for the game against France

Now restored to fitness and at Rangers, he has been add-

(Manches United), A Disconfide Control of Manches (Manches United), D Walker (Notingham Forest), A Dongo (Leeds United), D Walker (Notingham Forest), Wiright (Liverpool), P Parker (Manhester United), G Pallister (Manchester United), G Pallister (Manchester United), M Keown (Everton), G Pallister (Manchester United), G Pallister

ed to a growing list of forwards selected by Taylor. In 16 internationals, 17 have so far featured in an ever-changing front line.

Lee Sharpe, Manchester United's 21-year-old winger. is considered to be on the verge of joining them and promises, as long as he is available, to be included for the visit to Moscow next

Hateley's strength, when he was first introduced before the unexpectedly successful tour of South America, lay principally in the air. Taylor, who watched his debut for Rangers against Dynamo Kiev two years ago, believes that he has since matured and improved his qualities on

the ground.
"It wasn't easy for him to be accepted by the supporters in his first season but they took to him after he scored two goals against Aberdeen to linch the title last season,"

"He looks fitter and he can cope with the pace of the Scottish game, which is sometimes quicker than down

"He has a good turn of speed and he has increased his awareness. He brings oth-

Keegan's demands are met

ENGLAND SQUAD

ers into the game and, with 31 caps, he already has the experience. Perhaps this is a chance for him to reverse the way things went during the World Cup in 1986."

Hateley went into the tournament as Lineker's recognised assistant but, once Peter Beardsley had assumed his role in Mexico, he was never again considered to be genuinely in contention.

Apart from being picked against Scotland, he was otherwise kept in reserve for

another two years.

He takes the place of Ian Wright in a party that is stronger than last month and, with one exception.

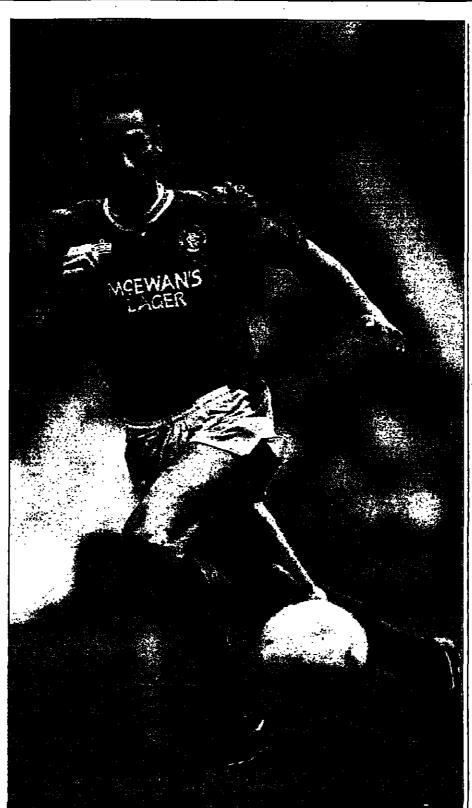
Paul Parker has come in for Keith Curle in defence, David Platt for Paul Ince, who is ruled out through suspen-sion, in midfield, and John Barnes for Tony Daley in

Barnes seems especially certain to play because his opportunities, like those of his club colleagues, may be

He will miss the trip to Moscow if Liverpool reach the Uefa Cup final, the game in Hungary if they reach the FA Cup final and the show-piece against Brazil if there is

The one unexpected inclusion was Stephen Pears, of Middlesbrough, and the fourth goalkeeper. "He has done exceedingly well, not just this season but for two or three years," Taylor said.

Thus, the England manager has balanced an otherwise settled squad with an old-timer as well as a newcomer.



Hateley: recalled to the England squad to play Czechoslovakia in Prague

FA fines Spurs over tickets

BY JOHN GOODBODY

KEVIN Keegan will return to finance the purchase of new

the task of preserving Newcastle United football club's Keegan, who was appointed manager on February 5 second division status this after the dismissal of Osvaldo morning after learning that his board of directors had Ardiles, walked out on the struggling club after Saturagreed to fully meet his demands for the immediate esday's victory over Swindon tablishment of a fund to Town and indicated that he

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was considering resigning after what he construed to be ment regarding the availabilty of money to spend

on new players.

Although Keegan said on Sunday evening that he was prepared to remain in charge at St James' Park until the end of the season, he insisted that he would not commit himself to an extended contract until after he had received assurances about the

club's financial status.

Sir John Hall, the Newcastle chairman, who is assembling a rescue package to help ensure the survival of a club which is £5 million in debt. said yesterday that money was now available and that he was anticipating a "tremendous future" under Keegan's managership. "In advance of the rescue plan, my wife and I are releasing funds to the club to buy players," he said. "I will be discussing that with Kevin; we

will sit down and talk figures. "We are totally supportive of him. There is money to buy players now and he will get it. This club is still on the verge of bankruptcy but we are committed to the rescue package and we hope that every-thing will be in place in the next few months." fined £2,500 by the Football Association for the way they handled the distribution of tickets for the FA Cup final

After a ten-month inquiry into the ticket black market. the FA also punished Gordon Banks, the goalkeeper in England's 1966 World Cup victory, seven players and two

day censured and beat Nottingham Forest in member club of the FA". the final last May, for failing to compile and produce a list giving details of the ticket numbers issued to players and officials, and the name and addresses of anyone to whom the tickets were passed.

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TOTTENHAM Hotspur critical of Tottenham, who a manner expected of a full Tottenham were warned about their future conduct, ordered to give written assurances about the future handling of tickets, and ordered

to pay £2,500 costs. The FA's match and ground committee was recommended to cut Tottenham's FA Cup final allocation by 20 per cent over the next three years. If Tottenham reach the Final in this period, hey will receive their full complement of tickets, al-hough the FA will appoint omeone to supervise their llocation and distribution.

Peter Barnes, the Tottenam secretary, said: "This is he first I have heard of a fine. do not want to comment ntil we have been informed fficially by the FA." Banks bought tickets from various sources for the corpo-

rate hospitality company he runs and refused to co-operte with the investigation. He as barred from receiving ckets for seven years. He said: "I bought the tick-

is from a legitimate agency nd added no money to the um I had paid for them. low does that make me a tout? It is nonsense and I am very disillusioned."

England may ask for a replacement

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Sydney: England may seek permission to call up a re-placement player if Derek Pringle, who is to see an orthopaedic surgeon in Albury today, is ruled unfit for their World Cup semifinal. There are increasing fears that Pringle, who is thought to have torn his rib cartilage, may be a long-term

England, who play Zimbabwe in their last group match in Albury tonight, spent an unscheduled night in Sydney yesterday after their flight from Wellington was delayed by two hours because of bad weather. They missed the connecting service to Albury and were rebooked on an early-morning flight, causing the manager, Micky Stewart, to rearrange yesterday's prac-tice schedule.

Pringle left the field in pain during Sunday's defeat by New Zealand in Wellington. "Derek is a worry at the moment," Stewart said. "He's in a lot of discomfort and the sooner we know about his injury and how long it will take him to get over it, the

Asked whether he would consider approaching the competition organisers for a replacement, Stewart said: "I hope it doesn't come to that."
While Pringle has bowled well throughout the tournament, England would be less worried about his possible absence if their other 13 play-ers were all fully fit. But that is

Three other members of the Three other members of the attack — Dermot Reeve (hip). Chris Lewis (side) and Phillip DeFreitas (thigh) — are all receiving regular treatment. And with two batsmen. Neil Fairbrother (virus) and Graham Gooch (hamstring), also on the casualty list. England are struggling to raise a side. are struggling to raise a side.
"I think we can get through

the Zimbabwe game," Stew-art said, although he hinted they might need to call on Paul Prichard as an emergen-

Prichard, the Essex batsman who has been playing club cricket in Australia this winter, has been helping out the England squad for a week. He went on the field during last Thursday's win over South Africa at Melbourne when Reeve and DeFreitas limped off.

Obtaining permission for an extra fielder proved relaan extra tieder proved rela-tively easy. But England would probably struggle to win approval for a batting and bowling replacement for Pringle. "Before the World Cup began, the organisers said they would look on inju-ties with more symmathy durries with more sympathy during the early stages of the competition than towards the end," Stewart said. Tonight's match is impor-

tant for several England players. Allan Lamb badly needs a lengthy innings, and both Gooch and Lewis need to prove their fitness.

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Career ends for Carvill's Hill

- By Michael Seely

CARVILL'S Hill, chasing's dethroned idol, is unlikely to race again after being injured in last Thursday's controver-sial Tote Cheltenham Gold

Cup.
The even money favourite finished last behind Cool Ground, a 25-1 outsider, in Martin Pipe, Carvill Hill's trainer, said yesterday: "We don't know at what stage of the race it happened. But Carvill's Hill has pulled muscles in his chest, which could have injured his breathing in the race. He sustained cuts and bruising to his front and hind legs. He's also damaged

a tendon and is lame. "He definitely won't run either this season or next. As for the future, that's too far ahead to be thinking about." A further ironic twist to the

tale is that Toby Tobias, the horse for whose benefit Jenny



Pipe: Carvill's Hill has catalogue of injuries

Pitman is alleged to have used Golden Freeze as a spoiler for Carvill's Hill, is also out

of action for at least two years.
Toby Tobias finished lame
in fourth place. He was found to have injured a front

Pitman said: "The situa-Toby had been scanned by the vet. The severity of the injury is such that he will be unable to race again for two

Millions watching the race, live and on television, saw Michael Bowlby, on Golden Freeze, attempting to harry Carvill's Hill into making mistakes at his fences.

In a television interview on Saturday. Pitman claimed that Golden Freeze had been running on his merits and that he had not been there to

"mess" Carvill's Hill about. The majority of Pitman's colleagues have supported her and claim that her tactics vere legitimate and successful in that they exploited a suspected flaw in Carvill's Hill.

The Jockey Club, still considering whether to hold an enquiry into this emotive affair, yesterday issued a dis-creet non-statement. "We can't take a decision until the transcript of the enquiry by the Cheltenham stewards into the running of Carvill's Hill has been seen and the need for further action

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Olympic system is criticised

BY RICHARD EATON Only two players from each

THE opportunity to fix such matches as the All-England badminton championship men's singles final at Wembley has been created by using world rankings to decide who goes to the Olympic Games this summer, according to Gill Clark, the chair person of the Badminton Players' Association. Yesterday Clark criticised the qualifying system for Barcelona. where badminton will be included for the first time.

"I have my suspicions about the All-England final even though the winner Liu Jun is a brilliant player." Clark said. "Collusion on results has been known before, although more recently that has not been the case. But it is clear the system offers oppor-

country can qualify for the Olympics but a third place can be obtained by a player in the world's top eight. "It was a blatantly political move when they worked out this system." Clark said. "It tries to bring in a lot more countries rather than have the best players at the Olympics. The International Badminton Federation has done a marvellous job getting the sport to the Olympics but the Players' Association predicted what would happen at a meeting in Singapore in October. Play-

er means possible." Clark, a medal contender for Britain in the women's doubles at Barcelona, would prefer three players per coun-

ers and countries are out to

beat the computer by whatev-

try to qualify if they reached the top 40, rather than the top eight. It was alleged by the Indonesian manager, Leo Wiranata, on Saturday that the Chinese may have manouevred Liu Jun. the world No. 11, into the top eight, after he had successively bearen two compatriots, Wu Wenkai, the world No. 3, and Zhao Jianhua, the top-seeded world champion, to take the All-England title. Yesterday Liu was promoted to second

in the world rankings.
The IBF's president. Arthur Jones, agreed that the system might lead to collu-sion. "We have tried to get a balance between the best players and a spread of countries which the IOC wanted and I think we have done

Steroids for sale in Spain

By David Powell athletics correspondent

CONCERN among Spanish sports officials at the possibility of Olympic competitors buying over-the-counter steroids at the Games in Barcelona this summer has been heightened after five CIS athletes were photographed do-ing just that while in San astian for an International Amateur Athletic Federation indoor invitation meeting this month.

A Spanish newspaper, El Diarió Vasco, reported that the five, all women, who had competed at the meeting had purchased the entire supply f steroids from local chemists' shops and the Spanish athletics federation (Real Federación Española de Atletismo) verified the report yesterday. "It is very worrying for us, as a national federation, that they should be coming here to compete and buying them here when it is our Olympic year," a federation spokesman said.

"It is a bombshell that they should come to the Olympic country and purchase them. We have no control here over what is legal and what is not All we can do is make recommendations across ministers and have them review what should be prohibited. It is very distressing to us."

Last year, Professor José-Maria Odriozola, the Spanish federation president, received from the King of Spain the national prize for his federation being the leading sports body in the country in the fight against drugs. "It is a blow to him personally, not because our athletes are

doing it because they are not. but that athletes should be coming to an Olympic country wanting to buy drugs and that they should be available so readily," the federation spokesman added.

Drug-testing was carried out at the meeting and the results are expected in the next two days. If they prove negative, it is a reasonable supposition, since the IAAF knows who they are (although the photographs were not published), that the athletes in question might find themselves tested often between now and Barcelona. The testing of CIS athletes has been patchy since the break-up of the Soviet Union.

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When we are all heirs to a fortune

> Once only the wealthy and landed squabbled over inherited riches in a will. Now, Libby Purves says, almost anyone can find that their parents have bequeathed them a family fight

ohn Major recently spoke with enthusiasm of his vision of family wealth "cascading down the generations". It is a pretty image, conjuring up one of those precarious pyramids of champagne-glasses that fill and spill from the top downwards: festive, symmetrical and abundani.

Last week his Chancellor continued the theme. "Inheritance and capital," Norman Lamont said, "are no longer a privilege of the wealthy few." He announced his intention to up the starting point for inheritance tax to £150,000 and hinted at further relief in the future.

That this is a populist move only proves how much things have changed. It is not so long since wills and legacies were mainly the affair of the aristocracy and of that wealthy bourgeoisie whose squab-bles have fuelled the plots of novelists from Jane Austen to P.G. Wodehouse.

If bequeathing has become a commoner preoccupation, the reason is simple: home ownership. In 1914. 90 per cent of British people paid rent. Even by the early 1950s. fewer than a third of families owned a house. Today it is more than 70 per cent.

In thousands of families the first generation of owner-occupiers is reaching the end of its life. A Nationwide Building Society survey in January found that one in twelve people in the United King-dom has inherited in the past five years, to an average value of £33,857. Since many of the bequests were small, that average suggests that those who got houses must have cleared substantial

🕽 aums "Inheritance," said John Hutchinson of Nationwide, "obviously plays an important part in a significant number of families finances." Nor is it only a matter of inheriting after death: there is increasing interest in the kind of dodges - once confined to the landed gentry — whereby parents save their children tax by handing

over wealth early.
So we can all be King Lears, dividing our kingdom among our daughters. Or we can keep the reins in our hands, like Aunt Ada Doom in Cold Comfort Farm or one of those dotty Agatha Christie patriarchs who keep holding willchanging house-parties until someone justifiably slips cyanide

in their cocoa. We can bask in it, like Thackeray's old Miss Crawley in Vanity

For good or ill, it is a game we can almost all play these days. The fact is that any aged couple, if they own the roof they live under, have a hell of a lot to leave even if they have very little to live on mean-while. However frugal their lives, their death will liberate heady amounts of capital.

To expect this not to colour family relationships would be unnatural. Innocent families who once would have had nothing but granny's silver gravy-boat to bicker about have now been drawn into the big league. They have acquired the same problems as the old moneyed classes: dilemmas about death duties, gifts, and the rival claims of ageing children. second spouses and illegitimate

grandchildren. How sweet, then, in 1992, is the tinkle of MT Major's cascade? Is middle-class inheritance smooth

'I was jealous of his electric train when I was ten, and I'm bloody furious over the will now

and harmonious, or are there dissonant notes and cracked

Richard Bark-Jones is a lawyer in Liverpool. "The property-owning classes," he says, "have spread and spread and spread. Comparatively generous pensions mean life savings are often intact, too. Yet a lot of people still make no will." One problem is that people often have no family tradition of handling inheritance. Moreover, the idea of inherited wealth was fine for that vanished gentry world where a gentleman had a private income and a nice girl a dowry: but it clashes horribly with the modern work-ethic. Some ageing people, Mr Bark-Jones observes. deliberately discount the implications of their wealth to their children. "They say they should

make their own way." Others, however, are desperately anxious to save their children money. Frances MacDonald, the ducer of Radio 4's Moneybox, says

Fair: "What a dignity it gives an her listeners "worry terribly. It's old lady, that balance at the banker's! How tenderly we look at themselves, especially the widows. "I'may be a maverick, but i feel they should just enjoy themselves. For heaven's sake, it isn't them

who'll be paying the tax." Mr Bark-Jones agrees. "Some elderly clients try to divest themselves of as much as possible in their lifetime to avoid tax for their children. One does counsel them to think it through. Suppose they need an expensive operation, or a nursing home for years? Somepeople give money to a dearly beloved son or daughter. and then need it for an emergency and it is amazing how actually having control of money can bring

out the worst in people.

Take the Webster family (a false name for obvious reasons). They made over their large house on the outskirts of town to their only son and his wife, and moved to the lodge cottage down the drive, paying rent (it is essential that parents who give away houses and stay in them should not be seen by the law as having made a "reservation": they must pay a market rent). Now the son has left his wife, who is insisting they sell the whole property. There is pressure on the older Websters to uproot themselves to a bungalow on a nearby modern estate, leaving the garden. they built over 30 years. The son's line is: "I have my own life to live and I've got enough problems with my own family."
"Now that we've got no money

left," his father observes, "we no longer appear to count as family." That is a grim one. But Frances

Macdonald hears more often from the odd greedy one. Most aren't, and quite a few say, 'Father's died, Mother wants to hand the money over, and we don't want her to'. Some even urge their parents to sabotage their inheritance by taking up a Home Income Plan, remortgaging the house to provide an annuity.

These are frowned upon by investment advisers, like Fiona Price: "We don't consider them a good bargain. Perhaps it would be better for children to buy the annuity themselves in expectation of eventually inheriting the

But would they? As she ruefully observes: "People are not objective. It's like when you advise a married couple to transfer assets to the lowest earner for tax reasons. And they say, 'What, sign it over to her? It's mine!' Emotion always comes into it."

Worldly goods: more and more people are discovering the pleasures — and the family pitfalls — of inheriting from their parents

But expens on emotion have not uite caught up yet Robin Skynner, the author of Families And How To Survive Them, and a long-time practitioner of family that his rarely considers finance. "We should. After all, almost everything about a person shows in their attitude to money."

Almost everything about a family, too. "My half-brother has always had everything," said Gordon, a writer. "I was jealous of his electric train when I was ten, and I'm bloody furious over the will

Gordon and his brother are in their fifties and the disputed sum would hardly pay their wine bill. but their spleen is real. "Wealth loads relationships," Mr Skynner says. "It makes it difficult for parents and children to become equals, which is the goal of a happy family." Or, as Richard Bark-Jones puts it: "Children trying to promote tax-saving schemes can make family relationships rather delicate." Especially when you are supposed to live on for

Dad, how's your chest been? By the way, I was reading this thing about property transfer..."
might well be construed as a hint as if it is entering its last seven

years.

The younger generation are getting more pushy. One old couple the other day had clearly been brought into my office with the aid of levers and goads. It was like watching reluctant bullocks being loaded on to a ship."

Another solicitor says bluntly:

There can be outrage when parents find out something else: that since the Inheritance (Provision for family and dependants) Act 1975 it is a lot harder to

disinherit your children. "Whenever we cover this," says solicitor Bill Thomas, who gives advice on the Jimmy Young show, "the switchboard practically melts. The act ended the terrible business where common-law wives had no rights, but it also means children can challenge a will

seven years after a major gift. "Hi, the grounds that their parent has edges of insolvency: when I had

"In one case a widower left

everything to his second wife, but applied for, and got, half. People say this can't possibly be right, but it is. You could try explaining in your will that your children have had enough from you and the cats' home should get

the rest.' "If my father tries that one," says a member of another family, 'I shall tell the court he was batty. Nothing new about that; Sophocles, they say, tried to disinherit his

son, who in turn tried to get him certified as senile. Still, not every family is a snakepit. A carefree note was sounded by one enthusiastic self-divester. Pru Loftus, of the Suffolk brewing dynasty. Widowed at 42, she has

devoted much energy to passing on the family fortune to her five children and watching what they do with it. At 70, she has given away two businesses and two within six months of probate on houses and now pays a mortgage. Death and the Maiden in the US

"I like to squeak around the

my new knee I sold a couple of A lot of people think I am daft. cast your bread upon the waters. Clinging on is a great mistake. It spoils your friendship with your children." On which count, she is

perhaps doing better than Sophocles. Or the 18th century playwright Sheridan. He once told his spendthrift son, Tom, that he was cut off with a shilling. "I'm sorry to hear that, sir," said Tom. "You don't happen to have the shilling about you now, do you?

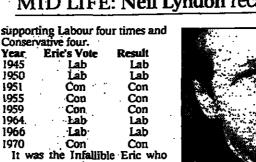
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The coming election will be the first I have fought in private wagers and betting shops without the guidance of my lather, who died in 1989. His absence leaves me facing this electoral race like a runner without his bookie. So long as he lived, I could tic-tac swings, marginals and majorities with an accuracy which left Ladbrokes light in the till. Now that he is gone, I am left knowing no more than you or David Butler. I miss him for many reasons: but I shall feel his loss keenly in the domestic exchequer

on April 10. The Infallible Eric was Great Britain's floating voter, a cynosure of the nation's political uncertainties. Taking the pulse of his voting intentions and the capricious shades of mood which determined them provided a certain measure of what the people would decide. Compared with that unerring instrument, the psephologists sliderules and the Dimbleboys' swingometers were primitive tools of guesswork.

In memory of Eric the Infallible MID LIFE: Neil Lyndon recalls a father with political genius

I was slow to realise my advantage in having a direct line to the electoral heart of the citizenry. In my formative years, my mother's scorn obscured the value of my father's unpredictability. She, a lady of such iron Tory inflexibility as to make Margaret Thatcher look like a wet violet, undervalued the extraordinary privilege of shar-ing life with a man in whom the lifeblood of parliamentary democracy coursed, now red, now blue. "Oh, him," she would jeer, "might as well listen to a tap running as to his political opinions." It wasn't until 1970, when I made this table of his voting record, that I realised that I had been blessed with a political inheritance beyond price: if I knew where Eric was going to place his X, I could win good money. For 25 years, he never put an X wrong. In eight elections, he changed his vote three times,



gave Attlee his landslide in the Khaki Election of 1945. It was he who gave Macmillan a 100-plus majority in 1959; and he edged Wilson into office in 1964. By 1970, I had got the measure of this treasure and, establishing that Eric had decided to vote Conservative. I bet on Heath to beat Wilson. In the first election of 1974, he



changed again and voted Labour allowing me to clean up on their slender victory. The rise in the Seventies of the third party vote made electoral punting more complicated. When he declared that he would vote Liberal in the second election of 1974, I crassly sup-

posed that a majority for Thorpe would follow and lost money on that simple-minded bet. I wasn't smart enough to see through the maze of the electoral system and realise that while Eric's whim embodied the outstanding voting trend of that election, it would not result in seats.

His last clear-cut triumph in a general election was in 1979 when he changed his vote again and booted Margaret Thatcher into Downing Street. Following the vagaries of his inconstancy in the Eighties got me into some lossmaking holes. I mistakenly figured that his Alliance vote in each of the Eighties' elections would result in hung parliaments. I had grown complacent on easy pickings. I should have seen that he

was giving the national pattern not in his vote but in his settled stance from start to finish. In both of those elections, his voting intentions remained unchanged throughout the campaign and, as Eric went, so went the nation.

In by-elections, however, he remained gloriously infallible. At a party in London in 1982, for instance, I bet the editors of The Times and the Daily Mail and M. Bragg Esq that Roy Jenkins would do better in Warrington than come the "poor third" they pre-dicted. Eric had told me that if he had a vote in Warrington, it would go to the SDP. Only M. Bragg paid up. I came to think of my father as being like that family of Red Indians in Catch-22 which invariably pitched its teepees on oil fields and was, consequently, hounded around the West by prospecting oil companies.

were still here, he would be voting on April 9. Nothing that he said or did in the past supplies a sure guide. On the day before the 1987 election, I polled him for the last time and he said: "I definitely shan't be voting Tory. I shall never vote for them again in my life." Reminded that he had sworn the identical oath in 1945 and in 1966, he ruefully acknowledged that he had probably said the same thing in 1938, after Munich. But his 1987 vow was his last word: nature gave him no opportunity to change his mind again.

I still see him and talk to him often in dreams. Psephological questions have not entered into this communication: if however, that shade should speak from the other side and declare a voting intention, you will not receive enlightenment through this medium: I shall be keeping it to myself and printing it on betting slips.

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COPPELIA: The Scottish Ballet presents the company premiere of Peter Wright's fine production Tonight's cast features Gregory Oaborne, an American guest arisst, denong with Russian ballerine Galina Mozentaeva. Thestre Floyal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-332 9000), 7,15pm

MOBY DICK: New musical from West End impresano Cameron Macientosh a bizarre variation on Melville's classic late of the great white whale. The cast tate or the great white much includes Tony Monopoly, the pop and cabarat artist. Opening right.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street. London W1 (071-887 1118), 7pm.

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: The WELST NATIONAL DIFFIATING Inghight of the company's spring season is a new production of Debussy's Péliese at Mélisande, conducted by Pietre Stein, with Airson the conducted by Peter Stein and Peter Stein the conducted by Peter Stein with Airson the conducted by Peter Stein with Airson the conducted by Peter Stein stein the conducted by Hagley (Méisande), Neil Archer (Pèileas) and Donald Maxwell (Golaud). (Pelleas) and Donald Marwell (Gotau The louring repertors also leatures revivals of Mozart's Magic Flute and

Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 333001),

■ ANGELS IN AMERICA: Strong performances in Topy Kushiner's longish but vigorous drama: Adds, religion, politics, everything.
National (Cottesioe). South Bank, SE1 (071-928 252). Tonght-Thurs, 7-30pm, mai today, 2-30pm 210mins.

rewarding version of Tolstoy's novel. Tricycle, Kilbum High Road, NWS (071-328 1000) Mon-Set, 8pm, mat Set,

Li THE COTTON CLUB; Hightspot: high on energy, low on story freshness. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404) Mon-Frt, 7-30pm, Sat. 8pm, mats Wed, 2 30pm, Sat. 4pm. 150mms.

□ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brien Friel's Olvier Award-winning memory-play, set in Thirtise Donegal. Gerrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Set, 8pm, mets Thurs, 3pm, Set, 4pm 150mins. Final

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Julies

im Dearth Ann in He Maidlein: Justi Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson superb in Ariel Dorfman's Chilean political drama. Best play of 1981. Duke of York's, St Mertin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mais Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 120mins.

☐ AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes drof look at fantages of a woman member to a

soccer nut. Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Set, 6pm and 8.45pm, 130mlns.

opin and a sepan. Isolaria.

If FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty and stylish version of Micheth's elimb to the top, set in the work of rock bands and packed with Siches songs. Boulevard, Walker's Court, off Peter Street, W1 (071-437 2661 after 2pm). Mon-Sat, B 15pm, Fit tate show, 10 30pm, mat Set, 6pm, 80mirs.

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II A HARD HEART: Architect Anna
Massey destroys what she claims to
love in Berker's complex, and play,
Almedia, Almedia Street, N1 (071-359
4441) Mon-Sei, 8pm, mat Set, 4pm

FRIED GREEN TOMATOES AT THE

HEAR MY SONG (15): Promoter seeks

reclusive Insh tenor Josef Locke, wanted in Britain for tax evasion.

oractor, Peter Chesport MGM Chelesa (071-382 5096) MGM Haymarket (071-483 0531) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Odeon Marble Arch (0426 914501) Whiteley

LIGHT SLEEPER (15): Lugubnous elegy to the Eighbes drug scene from writer-director Paul Schrader, parity saved by Willern Dalce as a loner

Susan Serandon. Curzon West End (071-439 4805)

BARTON FINK (15): The Coen brothers' marvedous macabre comedy about a New York playwright all at sea in 13409 holywood Starring John Turturo, John Goodman. A triple Cannes pozewiner Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0591) Screen on the HM (071-435 3366)

♦ BLACK ROBE (15) Seventeenth

Odeon Kensington (0426 914 Plaza (071-497 9989)

BLACK NOBE (15) seventeenth century Jesuit ILothaire Bluteau) thes it convert Indians in northorn Quebec, intelligent epic from Brian Moore's novel Overtor Bruce Berestord MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

♦ CAPE FEAR (18) Demonic ex-con Robert De Niro terrorises Nick Notie and tamily. Martim Scorsese's feroclous, unpleasant remake of a classic revenge

CURRENT

MAKING IT BETTER: James Saunders' subtle play concerned with ideals, reality and liberation in Praque

NEW RELEASES

☐ ANNA KARENINA: Flair and imagination in Shared Experience

THE COTTON CLUB: An

THEATRE GUIDE Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current London theatre House full, returns only Some seats available

production of the Britten open Albert Haring is also in the touring reportoire. Towngate Theatre, Kingland Road, Poole (0202 695222), 7.30pm.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: The

RLPO Industrial Concerts series showcases Dominic Muldowney's new Violin Concerto, commissioned for the orchestra's 160th anniversary in 1990.

Muldowney conducts the piece. Libor Pesek conducts the remaining

Pesek conducts the remaining programme of works: Mendelasohn' Finger's Cave and Tchalkovsky's Sis Symphony, Repeat performances longerow and Thinks.

tomorrow and Thursday.
Philhsrmonic Hall, Hope Street,
Liverpool (051-709 3789), 7.30pm.

resvyweight programme of Seethoven's Queriets Op 18 No 6, Op

95 and Op 132. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Benk

London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm

LEVEL 42: The purveyors of immendately produced pop-soul fusion begin an 11-date March tour. The band

Hereford Leisure Centre, Holmer Road, Hereford (0432 278178), 7pm.

ys three London dates at the Town I Country Club from Thursday.

CLEVELAND QUARTET: A

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☐ Seats at all prices and London; Jane Asher in an exemplary cast of four. Hampeteed, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, met Set 4om 120mms

MEASURE FOR MEASURE Trevor Num's engressing production: Devid Haig fatally tempted by Ctairs Skinner in Freud's Vienna. Young Vie, The Cut, SE1 (071-820 0411/928 6363). Mon-Set, 7.15pm, mets Thurs, Sat, 2pm. 210mins. MURMURING JUDGES: David Hare tackles our rotting legal system gaps in the contest but a powerful bout.

National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Today, 2pm and

II THE NIGHT OF THE IGUANA: Afted Motins and a superb Elieen Alkins in Tennessee Williems in play on the effects of sexual repression. National (Lytistion), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm 180mins.

☐ PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gineful version of the old thriller: tuned by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but not Lloyd Webber. not Lloyd Webber but Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Fri, 7-30pm, Set, 8-30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 150mins.

☐ THE POCKET DREAM: Footsh Li THE PLOKE! DREAM: Possible burleague of A Middaummer Night's Dream, with Mike McShane and Sandi Toksvig. Dedicated lane only Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3pm. 135mms.

☐ PYGMIES IN THE RUINS: Uncomfortable play by Ron Hutchined baring the amounties of a Belfast excle haunted by his city's past. royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745/2554) Mon-Set, 8pm, mat Set,

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of

TODAY'S EVENTS

films in London and (where ndicated with the symbol •) on release across the country

Immer, wrot Jeseca Lurge, sureure Lewis. Barbican (071-538 8981) Camden Parkway (071-257 7034) Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fulham Road (071-576 1985) MGM Tunham Road (071-576) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

DEATH IN BRUNSWICK (15): San Neil as an ageing mother's boy sucked into love, violence and accidental der. Tasty black o Murger, 1994y ——
Australian director John Rusne,
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-5096) Metro (071-437 0757).

THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERONIQUE (15): Krzysztof Kiestowski'e brillantly filmed conundrum about two gats (one Polish, one Franch) who seem to share a Me. With Ireno Jacob, Philippe Volter Curzon Maylair (071-465 8885) FATHER OF THE BRIDE (PG):

Daughte's impending wedding drives Steve Martin crazy Disappointing remake of the 1950 classic; for audiences who want to be spoon-fed With Dianie Keaton, director, Charles Shyer. MGM Cheisea (071-352 5095) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914566) West End (0426 915574)

♦ FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (15) Short-order cook (Al Pacino) court wary wastress (Michelle Pferfler) Synthetic adaptation of Terrence McNally's play. Director, Garry Manchell

MGM Fulham Floed (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whi 792 3332)

SOUND OF MUSIC: A new production SOUND OF MUSIC: A new production of the Rodgers and Hemmerstein musical by Wardy Toye which will reach Sedier's Wells in the summer, goes on a nationwide tour. The sugary musical still holds the box-office record for an American musical in the West End. Liseding the do-re-mi choruses will be Liz Robertson as Maris, the singing nanthy-novice created on film by Julie Andrews, and Christopher Cazenove is a Gatolian on Trano. A daily guide to arts and entertainment complied by Kari Knight OPERA 80: The company moves to Poole this week with its adequate new staging of Mozart's Don Giovanzi, directed by Stephen Medicali, designed by Lez Brotherston and conducted by Anne Manson. Giovanni is elegantly sung by David Elis. Clara Venables's production of the Britten poera Albert

as Captain von Trapp. King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street. Ediriburgh (031-229 1201), 7.30pm. REFLECTED GLORY: Ronald Harvood's new play follows the relationship of two brothers: one a successful restauratour, the other a playwright. The cast includes Alber Finney and Stephen Moore in the

remey and separate mode in the leading roles under the direction of Elijah Moshinsky. The production receives a short four before opening at the Vaudevillo Theatra on April 7. Palace Theatra, Carlord Street, Manchester (081-236 9822), 7.30pm. OTTO DBC: The German painter is knewn in the country by a few paintings from his "critical realist" phase. This retrospective shows that he began with hnocuous self-portraits, was shooled into Expressionist violence and Dada savegery by the first world war, and ended the Twenties as an adherent o the Neus Sachitchkeit (new objectivity) unless and a objectivity), using probing realism to embody social criticisms. During the

took on a cloudy sort of symbolism, an ended with unsparing portraits of the artist in old age. A thrilling odyssey which marks Dix as a zignificant figure in 20th-century art. Tate Gallery, Militeank, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Set. 10am-5 50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until May 17.

Nezi period he found refuge in religiou painting and landscape. Alterwards he

SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve singer-denoers which through the music of Duke Ellington. Obvious routines carnot deguate the true rushil Duke. Globe, Shaftesbury Averuse, W1 (071-494 5055), Mon-Fri, Sprn, Sat, 8,30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Set, 5pm. 130mins.

 A SWELL PARTY: Four singers two prenists in likeable tribute to Cole Porter's wit and wry melodies. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836

PI TALKING HEADS: Patricle
Routledge and Alam Bennett excellent in
three of his monologues charting the
unconectous humour and pein of
desollate lives
Consedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-857
1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm,
Set, 4pm. 150mins

☐ A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parade of tuneful ciclies. Good fun. Whitehall, Whitehall. SW1 (071-867 1119) Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

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LONG RUNNERS:

Love: Prince of Weles (071-839
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Li Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-837
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Buddy: Victoria Peisce (071-837
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Cath: New London (071-405 0072)

Don't Dress for Dinner: Apollo (071-484 5070).

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Jessey (071-434 609).

Ji Miss Salgor: Theatre Royal, Drusy Lane (071-484 5400).

The Mousetrap:

Startin's (071-836 1443).

The Phaenton of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400).

Grant Technicolor (071-826 8855).

Thunderbirde F.A.B. — The Next Generation: Ambessadors (071-836 111).

The Women in Black: Forbure (071-836 2238). ne (071-836 2238).

 JFK (15): Other Stone's contentious, electifying, three-hour drama about the Kennedy assessination Kevin Costner as cruseding D.A. Jim Garrison; a bustling seponduru cast. supporting cast.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636)
MGM Shaftsebury Avenue (071-838
8279/379 7025) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Mezzanine (0428
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on Baker Street (071-935 2772)
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♦ THE LAST BOY SCOUT (18) Bruce Wills as a world-weary detective embrated in LA. compelion. Crowd-pleasing action movie, piled with builds and jokes. With Demon Wayans; director. Tony Scott MGM Fullsam Road (071-370 2535) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Cytord Street (071-836 G310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys Trocadero (u/ 1-(071-792 3332).

ONCE UPON A CRIME (PG): Vacuous comedy about Americans in Monte Carlo tumbling over a dachshund and a death body. Starring John Candy, Jernes Belushi, Saun Young, Richard Lewis, Cybili Shepherd, director, Eurann I av.

♦ THE PRINCE OF TIDES (15). New ♦ THE PRINCE OF TIDES (15), New York psychiatrist helps tootball coach tace family accrets. Romantic drama with ideas above its stabon, grandly acted by Nick Notre. Barbre Streisend directs and co-stars, but falls to sing. Camden Parkway (071-287 7034) MGM Balver Street (071-385 9772) MGM Chelsea (071-385 905) Notting Hill Coronet (071-77 6705) Odeoms: Kensington (0426 915683).

RAISE THE RED LANTERN (PG): Zhang Yimou's existers, quietly dazzling drama of a concubine's struggles in Twenties Chine With Gong Li. Cheisses (071-351 3742/3743) Metro (071-437 0757) Renotr (071-537 8402).

THEATRE

Cold nights on the city streets

WHAT is the point of adapting George Orwell's jauntily grim chronicle of picturesque poverty in Paris and destitution in London for the stage? To spread a distancing period gloss over material which, in written form, still has power to prick the conscience of the middle classes? To provide a poor imitation of Parisian street life? To patronise tramps for the modern homeless)?

Most of my doubts were instantly dispelled by Paines Plough, so complete and satisfying is their transla-tion of the book into a fresh-minted theatrical language. The first triumph is one of atmosphere. From what looks like a solid platform at centre stage, the lids of assembled trunks are flung back to represent shutters opening at daybreak on the Rue du Coq d'Or. From one emerges Harley Loudon's marvellously sleazy, sleep-sodden whore, Mimi, at whom Lucinda Curtis's manic landlady screams insults in fluent argot.

duction, revelling in the extreme widths of the Riverside stage - which permits, for instance, a deliciously long, slow pick-up of a client by Mimi is full of such imaginative strokes, confidently brought off. The hell of the restaurant kitchen where Orwell/Blair worked is evoked by slow-motion choreography - hands carrying perilous plateloads writhing in confined space like some Indian god dance — and covered in a haze of steam. The hallucination sequence in

Anna Furse's semi-bilingual pro-

Down and Out in Paris and London Riverside

which Blair is visited by his English girlfriend (Elaine Craxton) and memories of the Burmese elephant he shot carries spine-tingling conviction. achieved with subtle changes of lighting, sound effects, pace.

The character-playing is equally outstanding. Jonathan Burn superbly portrays Boris, the Micawberish White Russian waiter, as an inextricable mixture of the military and the servile. Harley Loudon excels again as a moodily slouching Russian skivvy and, even better, a fake communist con-artist. Andy McEwan bears a remarkable physical likeness to the young Blair: at first he seemed to me too naïve, too much the upper-class twit. On reflection, that may have been exactly how Blair appeared.

The London section is predictably less colourful, but dourness is offset by fine acting, especially from Geoffrey Greenhill as Paddy, the jovial Irish tramp, and the physically expressive Michael Benson as Bozo, the legless pavement artist. Once again the acting area is tellingly exploited, as when the iron beds of a Salvation Army shelter fill the whole stage, with their occupants: the public school pederast, the crazed character mak-

Touching naïvety: Andy McEwan as the young George Orwell in the Paines Plough adaptation of Down and Out in Paris and London

ing telephone noises, the man dying

of starvation. The holier-than-thou "charity" which so offended Orwell is mercilessly captured; but provokes the thought that it may have been replaced in our day only by indifference. This wonderful production

not only recreates the world which surrounded the young Blair it also gives us the sense of entering into his mind, which V.S. Pritchett so well called "the wintry conscience of a

HARRY EYRES

CONCERTS

Dark and secretive

SCO / Davies City Hall, Glasgow

SOMETIMES a first performance is a necessary barrier to be overcome before a new piece can even begin to be understood. Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's fifth Strathclyde Concerto, for violin, viola and string orchestra. the premiere of which had been postponed from last autumn to last Friday's Scottish Chamber Orchestra concert, when its successor was also heard for the first time, is such a case. Its successor was also heard for the first time.

The concerto's departing point is-Davies's touching realisation of a twopart song by one Jan Ban, which appears, with text, in a 16th-century Vanitas, an engraving on the theme of the vanity and transience of worldly pleasures, by Dirck Matham. It also contains elements of Haydn, specifically of the overture to the opera L'Isola disabitata. Such sources — we heard both of them — suggested dark themes of emptiness and ioneliness.

Despite these hints, and despite note, the concerto was reluctant to yield its secrets, thanks at least in part to the anxiety of the musicians. Davies directed doggedly, but variations of colour and dynamics scarcely entered the argument. though plenty were suggested in the

ONE of the more bizarre pleasures of Shakespears Sister's current number one hit. "Stay", has been the accompanying video. Viewers of Top Of The Pops have watched a male corpse being fought over by two women, one mourning his departure from this world, the other enticing him to the

In concert, this Gothic drama has been replaced by a more romantic setting. As a solitary spotlight picks out the grieving lover, a night sky of lights illuminate the backdrop. The change of mood does nothing. though, to detract from the song's launting charms.

The apparently incongruous voices of Shakespears Sister - the ethereal wail of Marcella Detroit and the score. There seemed to be little space or shape in the phrasing of the severely taxed soloists. James Clark and Catherine Marwood, so that the central slow movement's potential lyricism, for instance, came across as something dour. Its almost Mahlerian contrasts — furious outbursts are followed by gentler song — are carried a stage further in the final rondo. Here the vanity of pleasure is symbolised by a positively jaunty main theme, interspersed with extravagant solo flourishes - did we

miss a dose of heavy irony here? The music eventually works itself frenetically to its own death, when Haydn and the Vanitas song return. The opening movement already hints at mortality, when a tick-tocking emblem appears fleetingly at the end of its complex argument.

For the sixth Strathclyde Concerto Davies has chosen the flute, accompanied by a mixed ensemble, as his solo instrument and the result is a more immediately effective, less secre music a concerto, in the classical mould. Again its inspiration has come from another work of art: in this case, a painting - Brueghel's Children's Games.

Davies, though intellectually as rigorous as ever, toys with motifs and colours. A blatantly folkish melody, heard in different guise in the first movement, emerges as the music's yet adequately understand this piece either but one was encouraged by its surface and by the confident performance from its soloist, David Nicholson, and the orchestra.

The shock of the old

Festival of Expressionism Manchester

SEVERAL concerts in Manchester's Expressionism Festival re-create early Viennese concerts. This is a good idea, but, as with reconstructions of much earlier music, it is far harder than it may seem. So Friday's version of the famous 1913 "Skandalkonzert" had to make various concessions, some of which blunted the shock. Surely the first horror was the absurdly enormous orchestra that Webern originally used for his tiny Op. 6 pieces. Webern sensibly rewrote them later for a more reasonable symphony orchestra and this was what we heard, mouth-wateringly played by the BBC Philharmonic under Matthias Bamert in the Free Trade Hall.

It would have been interesting, too. to hear Schoenberg's first Chamber Symphony in the wildly improbable version he seems to have presented on that occasion: in its original scoring but with a massively swollen string section. Still, it was wonderful to hear that work in its 1935 orchestration, not least because this is a version far too seldom heard and with a life and persuasive power of its own.

In some ways the concert expanded. We heard all six of Zemlinsky's harmless but charming Maerterlinck songs, rather than the four heard in 1913, (four would have been enough) and - far more welcome - we heard not just two but STEPHEN PETTITT all five of Berg's magical settings of

dottily embarrassing texts by Peter Altenberg. Unlike the original Viennese audience, we were allowed to hear the work planned to end the concert, Mahler's Kindertotenlieder. But if the Festival of Expressionism

obstinately resists clarifying the musical sense of that borrowed term, it has at least the virtue of presenting 3 Schoenberg's early development in its broader musical and cultural context. It is hard to come away from any of these concerts without an increased awareness of his towering genius in those years, his ability to create a new musical world with each new piece and to do so with absolute conviction. This was true even of the severely problematic Buch der hängenden Garten, sung by Brigitte Fassbaender in her recital with Wolfram Rieger at the Royal North-ern College of Music. Their fluid and romanticised performance made the work seem thoroughly bland.

Certainly Schoenberg's mastery came across in his enormous tonepoem Pelleas und Melisande, given by the Halle Orchestra under James Judd in the Free Trade Hall on Thursday. This was a cautious performance that rarely broke free, but it was wonderfully clear, and it gave the most powerful advocacy for yet Schoenhere work too rarely heard. It quite dwarfed Brahms's Violin Concerto, given an immaculately considered and technically flawless but humourless performance by Viktoria Mullova.

DAVID FALLOWS

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ROCK

Gothic obsessions

Shakespears Sister UEA. Norwich

plaintive moan of Siobhan Fahey -

were more than adequate replacements for the missing body.

The vocal contrast is a legacy of their origins. While American-born Detroit was steeped in the sounds of Seventies' funk. Fahey brought a love

of British glam-rock, and a sharp pop

sensibility acquired from her time

group, Bananarama. Their combined heritages have been melded into two astutely crafted pop albums and a glittery show (their silver-sequinned outlits reflected the battery of lights).

But, while it was possible to leave their concert humming the tunes, there was no chance that anyone would be imitating Marcella Detroit's voice. She combines the vocal athleticism of a demented diva with the tearful hiccups of a country singer. Her soaring lines made even the most

dexterous of guitar solos seem clumsy. Siobhan Fahey's gravelly tone was a

Like "Stay", many of their songs seem to be about obsessive love, which explains the Gothic and space fantasies of their lyrics (where "moon" rhymes with "swoon"). Their torments, though, are accompanied by the echoes of the most gleeful moments of Seventies' pop. Their encore of T Rex's "Hot Love" was entirely appropriate. While the current gang of boys' bands try to revive the embalmed remains of Sixties' psychedelia. Shakespears Sister has reincarnated a body that has never had the afterlife that it deserved.

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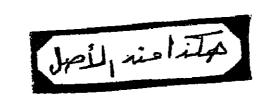
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Win or lose, Kate is content

Kate Nelligan has been nominated for a Bafta and an Oscar. Matt Wolf talks to a star who began in London

cusses the vagaries of show business, her comments have an especially authentic ring, belitting an actress whose career has had an unusually large share of ups and downs. The Canadian-born 41year-old was the golden girl of the London stage during the Seventies, winning acclaim both on the West End and in the subsidised theatre. David Hare's Plenty brought her in 1982 to Broadway, in what still stands as her lone commercial success on the New York stage. Her film career started and stopped twice only to re-launch itself this past year.

Acclaimed for a versatility that previously was as much a hindrance as a help, Nelligan is now on the awards trail on both sides of the Atlantic. She's a Bafta nominee this Sunday for her performance as the brassy Cora in Frankie and Johnny. Eight days later she's up for a best supporting actress Oscar for playing Nick Nolte's mother in Barbra Streisand's The Prince of Tides.
"I still go back to the English idea.

that if you're an actor, your range is everything; it's how you're judged," Nelligan says over hunch at a favourite restaurant on Manhattan's Upper West Side. (So regularly does she eat there that our meal is twice interrupted by phone calls — "Very LA," she laughs.) "I'm just very confusing to people in Holly-wood, because I do play leading women, and then they put me in character parts and they're amazed I can do that - not because I'm an amazing performer but because their idea of what's possible for an actor is so insanely limited."

Nelligan's range has not always worked on her behalf since she occupied no particular slot in a community that likes to pigeonhole. 'It's taken a long time to play Americans," she says of her career in the United States, "since they love all that English stuff; they're such Anglophiles. They wouldn't let me just say, 'You know, that was a way of speaking. I'm not that'. I'm clear enough of it now that I really can choose what I do, and people understand that I'm bilingual. But it's taken a while."

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Indeed, Nelligan's stage career in Britain would be the envy of most American actresses, who do not have available to them the companies that became Nelligan's theatrical home. Born one of six children in London, Ontario, she moved from Toronto to London, England in 1969, at the age of 18. Having



A 41-year-old playing the mother of Nick Nolte: Kate Nelligan has been nominated for an Oscar as supporting actress in Barbra Streisand's The Prince of Tides

arrived on a scholarship, she was starring five years later on the West End in Knuckle, the first of several theatre and television collaborations with David Hare.

From there she went to the Old Vic to play Ellie Dunn in John Schlesinger's production of Heartbreak House and then on to the RSC as Trevor Nunn's Rosalind in As You Like It. In 1979 her Susan Traheme in Hare's Plenty won her the Evening Standard Drama Award for best actress, but just when she seemed poised to be Britain's greatest non-British actress, she decided to leave the country." I very very badly needed to go; I didn't belong there ever," Nelligan says of London, clearly reluctant to dredge up memories of a time that still

carries no small amount of pain. want to be a great classical actress; I year-old actresses looking for work more bewildered than upset.

was never going to be this wonderful thing that was available to me. I didn't think I was above it or anything; I just didn't care whether I ever gave a great Portia. It's scandalous but I just have no interest in that, and it's tragic really because my life would have taken a

different shape entirely if I had. It would have been a much easier life a very sane and productive life." Instead, Nelligan ended up in Los. Angeles living in a motel on Sunset Boulevard, knowing no one, and demoralised by pounding the pave-ment. "I got there and no one had ever seen me or heard of me, and

then when I said things like Therese Raquin, they said, 'Oh yes, public television: you're English,' and that was it. No matter how I spoke, they

and there simply was not any work." Nelligan lasted nine months "just sitting there" in California until the call came from the late Joe Papp to repeat Plenty at his public theatre, Off-Broadway. The play opened to better notices in New York than it ever received in London, transferred to Broadway, and led to the first of Nelligan's four Tony Award nominations. (She lost that year to Jessica Tandy, who is now a competitor for

reat roles followed on Broadway in Eugene O'Neill's A Moon for the Misbegotten and Off-Broadway in Edna O'Brien's Virginia until the flop of her 1985 film. Peter Yates's Eleni, cut short her didn't want me to be Canadian or ascent: "I can't tell you how my "Much to my chagrin and to the despair of everyone else, I didn't work for almost in this endless queue of then 29-

"I really don't know what happened: there have been worse cinematic crimes. But I remember John [co-star John Malkovich] saying, Sweetie, this is going to bury you and the fortunate thing is I don't have a career yet to bury." She laughs. "And it was absolutely true."

Nelligan decided to forsake the profession that had forsaken her and spent 1986 working on an inner-city theatre project involving New York children living in welfare hotels. During that time, she met the man who is now her husband, composer Robert Reale (the two will have their first child this summer), and gained a perspective some never performers never find. "It was better than going to a shrink," says Nelligan, who did not return to acting professionally until the short-lived Broadway run of Caryl Churchill's Serious Money, early in

STEPHEN MARKESON

The notion that there was some thing to worry about in my life had gone and has stayed gone. I've never ever considered since that time that not being a movie star qualified as a valid problem."

Armed with that self-possession, Nelligan ironically finds herself closer to a sustained career than ever. And one senses that her hardwon pragmatism will see her out from here on.

In London, she recalls, "I was just miserable, personally miserable. I was just so unhappy, and I was dead right about having to leave. In New York people actually devote themselves to finding a happy life. I'm not sure that really interests the English; it interests me terribly."

my of Film and Television Arts awards are announced on Sunday and will be broadcast on ITV. The Academy Awards are announced on March 30. ARTS BRIEF

Prizes for Scotland

THE National Gallery of Scotland has acquired two exceptional prizes from the Earl of Leicester's Holkham Hall collection. For a combined price of £125,000 it has purchased a chalk drawing of the Virgin and Child by the great Mannerist, Parmigianino, and a more complex preparatory study for an altarpiece by the baroque master, Pietro da Cortona. Fine though the latter's Saint Ivo intervening on behalf of the Poor is, the Parmigianino (until recently thought to be from the hand of the artist's cousin Bedoli) is the more distinguished acquisition: a Roman-profiled Madonna dutching a naturalistically chubby infant.

Life goes on

MUSIC for Life, a day-long event incorporating jazz, the atre, songs and concerts in support of Crusaid, will be happening again at the South Bank Centre on June 7, two years after the boat trips and the office-block ballet and the restaurant opera of the first such jamboree. This time the team of artistic directors includes Nicholas Hytner, Nicholas Kenyon and Richard Mantle, who promise a new musical by the Broadway whizz-kid Maury Yeston, Britten's Nove's Fludde, Piano Circus, Judith Weir, James Bowman and the inevitable "galaxy of stars".

New leaf

ALTHOUGH it must be difficult to find a gap in the plethora of book awards, the National Art Collections Fund has found one. In June the NACF and Waterstone's Booksellers are to present the first National Art Book Prize, worth £2,000 to the winner.

Last chance . . .

THE enduring appeal of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons has been underlined this month by the instant Top 20 success of a new compilation, The Very Best of . . . At 55, Valli is still able to muster the glass-threatening, falsetto shriek that graced a slew of hits including "Sherry", "Walk Like a Man", "Big Girls Don't Cry" and "Rag Doll" among many others. His 90-minute show is a slick, entertaining affair with a nostalgic cachet for anyone who recalls with fondness the hevday of the great vocal groups of the Sixties. The current British tour ends at Fairfield Halls, Croydon (081-688 9291) tonight: Colston Hall, Bristol (0272 262957) tomor-row; Brentwood Centre, Essex (0277 262616) on Thursday.

DANCE PREVIEW

One for the boys

Brian Elias composed the music for *The Judas Tree*, a new

Kenneth MacMillan ballet opening this week at Covent

Garden. He explained the collaboration to Paul Griffiths

A was — well, I was gobsmacked." A composer in his early forties, with a high but so far rather confined reputation, Elias was having dinner with the MacMillans, a formight after the first performance of his powerful setting of Irina Ratushinskaya poems for voice and orchestra. Lady Deborah, who had been at the concert, realised this was someone her husband, Sir

1 thought he was going to ask if he could choreograph the songs," says Elias, "and I was gearing myself up to say no, which was very unfair. because I now know that Kenneth has a great musical sense, and a great sense of what will work in the theatre. "Instead of that he asked me

Kenneth, ought to meet.

if I'd like to collaborate on a new ballet, and I agreed right away. When you think about all the great ballet scores of this century - from The Rite of Spring, where we all start then it was a great opportunity to realise all the fantasies one has on that level."

The idea of listening to

Any Questions. on Radio 4 last Friday,

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Besides that, it was a new opportunity to work in col-laboration for a composer whose sparse output had until then consisted entirely of concert pieces. "Working with other people is such a treat." Elias says, "and the relation-ship with Kenneth has been good. I think that's partly because we both work tremen-

dously intuitively, which im-plies a great deal of trust. "He wanted the subject to be betrayal, and we worked out a structure of five sections: calm, optimism, betrayal, massacre and ... something. I can't remember. But the only precise direction he gave me was that he wanted a sequence of variations, in the ballet sense, to provide solos and pas de deux to introduce the characters — though that's changing

"I ought to say, too, that right from the beginning this was going to be a ballet for the boys, as many as possible, plus one girl. Certainly that coloured the musical approach. I don't know if one can use a word like 'masculine' any

approaching violence from a different point of view.

"Then I started writing the first six minutes, which make a kind of overture, laying out the material, without knowing where the whole piece was going in terms of what was nappening dramatically. We talked about that as I went along, and then when I was halfway through the variations I went and played bits and pieces to Kenneth, and he was able to pick out what he liked. But he's trusted me from the

word go."

The score begins, though, with a long marked silence. "Yes. I'd noticed that ballet audiences tend to chatter into the first few bars of the score, and I wanted to prevent that. But then it developed more structural significance, be-cause the silence at the start and the silence at the end point towards the long silence there is in the middle of the

I wondered if the needs of the medium had conditioned the music beyond the opening



Brian Elias: "MacMillan and I work intuitively."

silence, for instance in leading to a lot of regular rhythm. "Well, Kenneth MacMillan and Monica Mason don't find the rhythms regular at all. The way dancers count is different, and they find the rhythms in

Stravinsky much clearer.

"Also, I think the influence of dance on the music is more subtle. It's a matter of phrase length, and the relationship of one phrase to the next. Often you need to repeat more, and you need to make time for people to cross the stage. I

And the title? "I did a lot of reading about Judas, in the Gnostic gospels and so forth: I think I've earned my DD. A friend pointed me to a German dictionary of terms connected with Judas. I was talking to Kenneth and 1 mentioned the Judas tree, a Mediterranean tree that produces red flowers on the bare wood, like tears of blood. And he said: "That's the title". "

• The Judas Tree is premiered by the Royal Ballet at Covent Garden (071-240 1066) on Thursday at

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RADIO REVIEW

abolish party election broad-

plug. Sadly, they found it all too soon, but not before a wonderful idea had occurred

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casts and give us party election concerts instead? That way. not only would we be spared the sanctimonious interruptions to our listening over the next three weeks, but it could significantly affect the way we vote. What right-minded citizen could resist the party that substituted Pachelbel for politics? And two bars of Richard Clayderman would be more than enough to convince any-

Music might also reach the young voters that all politicians try so clumsily to seduce. Instead of a five-minute diatribe at Labour tax policies, the Tories would be well advised to offer Radio 1 listeners the John Major Get-Down-And-Get-Funky Blues Hour. And rather than wittering on for another moment about 13 years of Tory misrule. Neil Kinnock could do much worse

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PATRICK STODDART

TELEVISION REVIEW

¬ here is a self-congratu-With the latory school of thought among successful expa-Welshmen that goes swigging something like this: anyone with any ability packs their bags and heads out east to the sixties England of sunshine and opportunity. Who can blame them if The Old Devils (BBC 2), Andrew Davies's

evidence of Episode One - in which the old devils of the title convene for strictly liquid hunches while their tut-tutting wives slosh up at Soave mornings - most of the series' budget has gone on alcohol. The title music is redolent of the swinging Sixties, but swigging is the only thing these

say that fairness was never in long supply in Amis's works. For those who assumed that most of the liquid to be found in the principality descends from the skies here was a revised version: at least half of

marvellously miserable adap-

tation of Kingsley Amis's study

in senility, is a fair comment on the state of Wales?

"You emanate hopelessness,

resentment, boredom and death," one Welsh wife in-forms her terminally overweight Welsh husband. There is no answer to that, except to

sixtysomethings can manage. Into this sour-hearted coterie bursts Alun Weaver, a bombastic media Celt, who bucks the *émigré* trend by answering the call of home to compose a television essay called In search of Wales. One of his pub-crawling pals added the helpful subtitle: Four Old

Farts in a Morris Marina The viewers could tell Alun's well-preserved wife. Rhiannon, from the other otherhalves by her suave coiffure and the fact that she is the only one yet to be seen with glass in hand or in bed with Alun. Although Alun and his cronies have changed, one thing is constant: they still fancy his wife, and he still services

Alun's thundering rudeness is precisely captured by John Stride. He steals the show from actors charged with portraying more muted characters, though James Grout (as fat Peter, the one who emanates death) and Bernard Hepton (as constipated Mal-

colm) underplay nicely.

This adaptation proved that while Amis may know his Max Boyce, he also knows his August Strindberg.

JASPER REES

Parties go better with music

gentle music while the engi-neers tried to find the right

Wouldn't it be pleasant most agreeable, even - if the politicians accepted the fact that we are aiready sick of the sound of their voices, familiar voices, we were treated to In other words, why don't they one that the politicians who

than stick on a Simply Red

album and wait for his poll-Finally, I have to correct a misunderstanding from last week over one of the most political issues in radio — the coverage of cricket. I said that it had been moved from Radio 3 to Radio 5, but in fact only and the summer Test matches will be back on Radio 3. As for the one-day internationals, they will be on Radio 3 as well - apart from the ones on Radio 5, that is. I am so pleased to be able to clear up

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Boys who won't be boys

Gender confusion can cause misery for children and parents. Now a clinic is helping them, Liz Hodgkinson reports

ost small children soon seem to have a pretty clear idea as whether they are male or female. But some perhaps more than we realise appear to be confused. An otherwise perfectly normal, intelligent four-year old boy may keep saving he wishes he was a girl like his sister, and want to dress up in her clothes. A little girl may tell everybody that she's "really" a boy. Parents may either indulge or ignore these sentiments, imagining that the child will soon grow out of such nonsense.

As they get older, the children themselves often appear to forget that they once wanted to be the opposite sex - or at least, they never mention it. And then, in adolescence, the feelings the parents imagined had disappeared may rise up all over again, with renewed intensity. A teenage boy perhaps doesn't appear to be very masculine": a girl never seems to

tomboy stage. A "leminine" teenage boy may secretly start raiding The worst thing adults his mother's wardrobe, or amass lipcan do is to stick and other cosmetics. Parents ignore the may be horrified to discover such a situation' hoard. An awkward adolescent girl shows no in-

fashion and absolutely refuses to wear a dress on any occasion. It is for children like these, and their worried parents and teachres, that child psychiatrist Dr Domenico Di Ceglie has founded Britain's first gender identity dev-elopment clinic. The idea came to him about eight years ago when a 16-year-old boy was referred to him for therapy. "He was transsexual," Dr di Ceglie says, "and told me sadly that he felt it was already too late for him to have help. He said that although his

wrong, nobody ever said or did anything about it. "I felt then that this teenager was probably not the only young person in the world who had such problems. And although true transsexuality - where people go to the lengths of sex reassignment surgery - may be rare, some degree of gender identity confusion in children is much more common." Dr di Ceglie stresses

that his job is not to try to "cure"

such children but to attempt to

parents and other relatives must

have realised something was

understand them. Most of all, he wants to provide a climate where children, parents, and teachers can begin talking about the problem, rather than pretending it doesn't exist, or hoping that if they ignore it, it will go away. "Nobody knows where gender identity confusion starts," he says. "Usually, parents blame themselves and feel that it's somehow their fault. They may have wanted, or hoped for, a girl, but had a boy - and then feel guilty about their wishes. Or they may imagine that they have somehow caused the confusion by the way they've been treating their child. "At the clinic, we try to have an open mind and reassure parents that the problem is not of their making but is something entirely inside the child's head. We explain that gender confusion is not a conscious choice but something

the child can't help.
"I came to realise," says Dr di
Ceglie, whose NHS clinic is at the child psychiatry department of St Georges's Hospital, Tooting, in London, "that the worst thing adults can do is to ignore the situation. This causes immense suffering, and leads the child to be secretive and underhand. What it doesn't do is make the problem disappear, just go underground."
This secrecy makes the problem more acute and more complicated than it need be, according to Dr di

Ceglie.
"Once the parents can face and accept what is happening, and start to talk about it, behavioural and emotional problems can often be avoided. Parents ignore it because it's painful and difficult for them. But we have to try to get the parents to accept their child and appreciate that their feelings

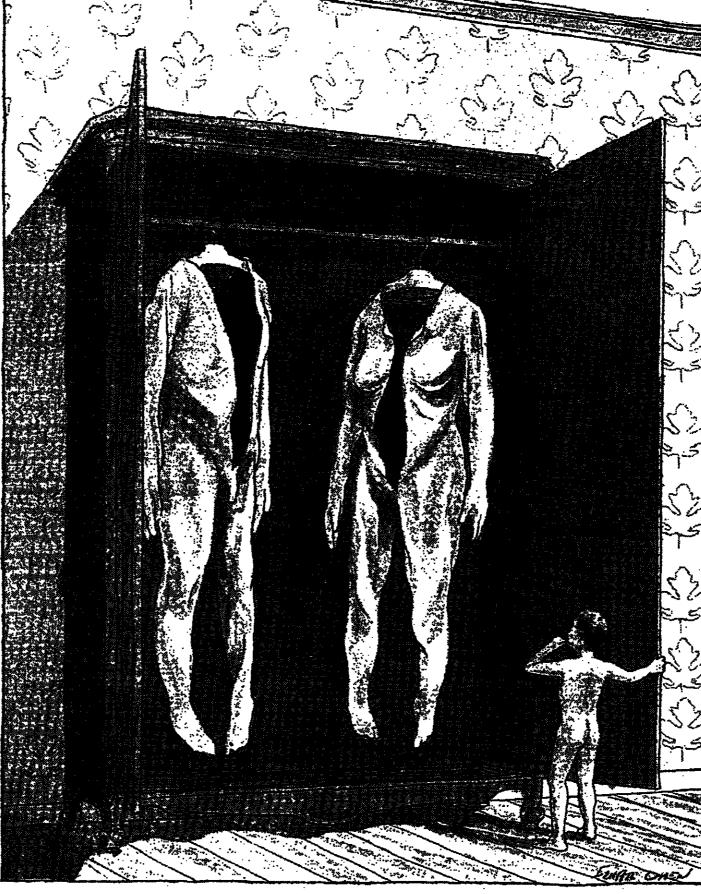
are very strong and completely genu-ine. Otherwise. children who are confused about their gender iden-tity tend to sink into despair, feeling that nobody in the world understands them." In adolescence, they may attempt suicide. Very often. they refuse to go to

school because they are bullied, or because teachers try to make them behave in a way they believe is more appropriate to their biologi-That is exactly what happened

to Paul, aged nine, who came to the clinic with his mother. Paul was being bullied at school and a teacher had noticed his extremely 'cissy" behaviour. It turned out that Paul had been dressing up in female clothes since he was a toddler. His mother had a picture of him at 13 months, tottering around in her high heels. "We thought it was rather sweet then," she said. "But he kept wanting to wear girl's clothes. He seemed to have grown out of it but when I was going through his drawers. a whole stack of female clothes hidden there. I was horri-

At first, Paul's father wanted to have nothing to do with the clinic to go along and face the possibility that his son may turn out to be homosexual, transsexual or transvestite in later life — and that no "cure" would ever be available. "We explained to Paul's parents that there was probably nothing they could do to make him more 'masculine'," Dr Di Ceglie says, "but they could help him by understanding he had a genuine problem." Paul is now 11, at comprehensive school, still very feminine but, because his parents are now on his side rather than against him, he is bright and cheerful, and has been persuaded to play down his "feminine" behaviour when in the company of

other boys.
At a time when many parents and teachers are trying to break down rigidly stereotyped gender roles, what does gender identity confusion mean? Is there really something wrong with a little boy



who wants to play with dolls, or a girl who likes guns and train sets? "No. of course not," Dr di Ceglie says. "Difficulties arise where there is complete rigidity and intensity on the child's part. If a girl, for instance, only ever wants to play with boys, or feels out of place in the company of girls and can't seem to identify with mem-bers of her own sex, then she may be confused about her identity.

It seems to have very little to do with upbringing or environment. although there may be parental influences. Nor does it have anything to do with what other people might think. We are talking about a confusion between gender iden-tity and gender role." For exam-ple, some people thought that when she was prime minister, Mrs Thatcher often acted more like a man than a woman. She may have seemed to exhibit qualities that many people consider masculine. But she's never been in any way confused," Dr di Ceglie says, "as far as she is concerned, she is a

perfectly normal woman.
"We are not talking about what is considered standard masculine or feminine behaviour but where the child truly believes that he or she has got quite the wrong kind of body, that there is a severe mismatch between the gender of the body and the gender that's inside

Then there is genuine confusion, it is not known whether any amount of therapy or treatment can make a child not want to be, or not imagine he or she really is a member of the opposite sex. It is a fixed, unalterable belief which never vanishes, however much the child may try to conform to parental expectations in later life. It is not a mental illness or handicap, and the child may be quick, clever and high-

Dr di Ceglie feels it is important to distinguish between gender and sexuality. "Sexual orientation usually only happens later," he says, "and there are all sorts of combinations. Our work here has shown us that it is impossible to predict the outcome of early gender confusion.

"Some children will become transsexual and, in later life, seek sex reassignment surgery. Some will become homosexual or lesbian, while others will turn out to he heterosexual. Some may become transvestite, just wanting to cross-dress occasionally."

As this has never really come out into the open until now, says Dr di Ceglie, nobody has any real idea how common childhood gender confusion may be.

"What we are doing is naming it, acknowledging it. We try to help parents to understand what their child is going through and see that they have not chosen to feel that way. Parents cannot necessarily change gender identity problems but they can help their children by listening. At our clinic, we are not creating a problem but trying to understand something which al-ready exists, and which so often causes both parents and children

untold anguish."

The Gender Identity Development Clinic can be contacted at the Department of Child Psychiatry, St George's Hospital, 081 672 4291.

Randy gets the giggles Choosing a name as hidden dangers never really thought much of cultural gap existed between te and my husbands.

never really thought much of a cultural gap existed between me and my husband until we started choosing names for our first-born. I am American and he is British: we speak the same language, come from similar backgrounds and see eye to eye on most questions of style. My ancestors come from the north of England, quite close to where he spent most of his childhood.

But when I first told him I

thought Tracy was a nice girl's name and Trevor was a possibility if we had a boy, he all but filed for divorce. It was then I began to understand just how complex trans-cultural naming can be.

Some countries even have laws regulating the naming of children. A law passed in Napoleon's time still gives the French government the right to disallow "ridiculous" names and substitute other, more suitable, appellations. There would be no Russells or Taylors in Norway, as a law forbids first names that sound like last names (a practice, incidentally, which is all the rage in America).

Even without legal interference.

trans-cultural naming is complicated. The biggest difference between Britain and the United States is that American names don't carry the social baggage they do in Britain. American names, like American accents, don't give much away when it comes to class. In the United States, boys named Derek are expected to attend ivy league colleges along with Richard and Thomas, and girls named Beverly can waltz unnoticed at the same débutante balls attended by Jane, Charlotte and Fiona.

If Trevor is the quintessential working class name in Britain, he can be found frequently in the 1992 Social Registry, the American equivalent of Burke's Peerage. And according to a popular American naming book called Beyond Jennifer & Jason: An Enlightened Guide to Naming Your Baby. Trevor is considered to be "on the

Parents must also watch out for the American custom of nicknaming. In my own family there are names like Muz, Tink, Dime, Buzzy, Binky and Muffy

cutting edge of fashion, combin-ing the style of upper-crust Eng-land with the *élan* of the leather

bomber jacket".

During my last few months of pregnancy I found myself obsessed with guessing which names went with what class. "What about Kyle? That's considered quite fashionable in America," I'd say hopefully to my husband. "Couldn't possibly," he'd smirk, "next?"

It's not that I wanted one of those made-up names that Americans often try to pass off as real, like Dree, Mariel Hemingway's daughter. I've seen my share of kids named Dawn, Blue, Camden and Dweezil, and I wouldn't dream of doing that to my child. Parents also have to watch out

for the American custom of nicknaming. And I don't just mean turning James into Jim. We're talking hard-core familiar-ity here; within my own family there are names like Muz. Tink. Dime, Buzzy, Binky and Muffy. Many of the so-called "normal" names in America don't exist in Britain. Ever met an English

Marcie, Brittany, Kayla, Morgan,

Todd or Courtney? he names Randolph and Randall, which are popular in the United States, illustrate this problem best, however. "People always giggle and smirk in England when I put out my hand and say, "Hi, I'm Randy," laments one American lawyer friend of mine. "Some names just

don't translate well."
For a while I thought Ian or Isadora might go well with Riley-Adams. Consider, however, the fate of a child who is tagged with the initials IRA in Britain. It's not so bad in America, where IRA conjures images of the Individual Retirement Account.

Another problem my husband and I ran into was how certain names are viewed in relation to the national events. Consider our final two front-runners: Sam and Ella. Say it three times fast and it becomes obvious why both names are probably not acceptable for a brother and sister. But while Sam and Ella would most likely prompt a giggle from most English people excluding Edwina Currie, my American family didn't quite get the joke. Salmonella hadn't hit the headlines in California.

Truths out of the mouths of babes

hen a child claims to know, see or hear God, it is easy for an adult to dismiss this as fantasy, neurosis or sickness. Dr Robert Coles, psychiatrist and analyst, has spent 30 vears working with children, many from deprived families or ethnic minorities in communities dis-turbed by violence. Having begun from a sceptical Freudian base, Dr Coles says he is humbled by what he has learnt of religious belief from children as young as eight. Dr Coles, professor of psychiatry at Harvard University, criticises clergy and parents for patronising children engaged in a spiritual search. "Children are not given enough credit for seeing through the hypocrisy, the at times fatuous consumerism that goes under the name of religion. What I have found in children is some of the old, wonderful iconoclastic side of religion that informs prophetic Judaism and early Christianity.

"These children say Jesus was a poor man and did not associate with big shots. Some of these big shots are now called cardinals.

rectors, bishops." Dr Coles began working with children in the 1950s, at the height of psychoanalytic orthodoxy, often turning his patients into "reductive putty". His approach was changed by a combination of forces. A Roman Catholic girl called Connie, aged eight, made him take her religious life seriously after confronting him with his own incredulity. From while trying to hold on to his seeing her spiritual life as evidence

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A psychiatrist has been humbled by the fresh religious beliefs of children

of a disturbed mind, he began to understand how it kept the child

together psychologically.

He read Erik Erikson, who had been analysed by Anna Freud in Vienna. Ms Freud herself, when he met her in London, sanctioned his change of direction with the advice that he learn from the children rather than label them

Dr Coles's researches have taken him to Northern Ireland, England and Sweden and around America. In his book The Spiritual Life of Children (HarperCollins, E9.99), published this week, he relates some of the religious conversations he cheek. he shared. His debates with devout Muslim boys in London are among the most enlightening.

"I was fascinated by the way these children are making an accommodation between their Islamic faith and their experience in England. One Muslim boy drew a self-portrait with the symbols of the Muslim faith on his head, and a Christmas tree in his torso. He was telling me that he is half secular materialist, and half Islamic. He was entranced by the seductions of the Christian west,

Another boy, Sajid, the Muslim son of a baker, analyses his own nightmare as a warning from Allah, Twelve-year-old Asif wanted to be a pilot, to bring him closer to Allah. "I'd say my prayers on the plane, and He might hear them better up there. It must be hard for Him, when all of us pray to Him [in the mosque]."

Dr Coles also worked with Protestant and Catholic children

in Northern Ireland. "What was interesting was the way the child-ren were able to speculate on what has happened to Christianity, how it has become an instrument of malice, mischief and even murder. The children on both sides have noticed this, and they ask: How, in the name of the life of Jesus and of his teachings, has such warfare become the order of the day?

"Most poignantly, they will ask what Jesus must think of what is going on in Belfast. They are giving expression to the betrayal of Christianity in the name of Christianity. At the same time, they are trying to obey their parents, to become good Catholics and good Protestants."

He reflects sadly on their future. "Some were already becoming involved in the violence. I suspect as they get older they will just forget some of that spirit, wonder and perplexity."

Dr Coles worships with his wife,

Jane Hallowell, a writer on women's issues, at an episcopal church near his home in Concord.

Christ raising Lazarus from the dead: Dr Robert Coles has collected children's spiritual drawings times when I can find myself comfortable sitting in a church, and feeling myself persuaded and convinced. There are other times when I am sceptical and agnostic. I am not always carried along by and Muhammad are not to be

religious dogma.

I feel close to the prophetic
Judaism of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos and Micah, and to the moral and spiritual message Jesus gave us during his life here. My work with children has helped me to understand what Jesus had in mind when he pointed out that there has to be a kind of child-like posture for all of us if we are to approach religion with any chance His own beliefs vary. "There are of getting its message."

He has accumulated 293 pictures of God, most portraits of His face, all by Christian children. Jewish and Islamic youngsters are quick to tell him that God, Allah

ne boy attempted to depict the Trinity, and drew the sun as the face of God. the earth as the incarnation, and the rainbow, which appears on earth but owes its existence to the sun, as the Holy Ghost, Dr Coles was awed.

"To be sure, he had been given some advice along those lines at home, but then, in the fresh presence of his picture, had shown a boy's independent spiritual life to be sturdy, affecting and

Dr Coles, whose three sons are now adults, says: "It has been a remarkable and at times humbling experience to listen to these children speculate on matters spiritual."

He used to take his children to Sunday school while he and his wife went to church. "Now, to tell you the truth, I am more interested in going to Sunday school than to church. I find it more interesting to listen to the children than to the

RUTH GLEDHILL

the YHA

RENÉ RILEY-ADAMS

Power steering at work

ucked away in a garage behind a beautiful 17thcentury manor house. two mechanics are busily tuning the engine of a 1960s Aston Martin. Wheelclamped for security, it stands alongside a Ferrari, a Mercedes Sports, and two vintage touring cars, all the playthings of Lord Palumbo, the chairman of the Arts Council.

A hundred yards down the road, the venerable actor Sir Michael Hordern is in reflective mood. looking out from his estate cottage across Rack Marsh nature reserve, where the River Lambourn meanders. Nearby, the first guests are gathering in the pale evening sunlight, mingling on the lawns of an ancient watermill, now home to thriving theatre. One of the Watermill Theatre's main sponsors is Hanson plc. Lord Hanson lives at the other end of the lane.

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This is Bagnor, a tiny village two miles outside Newbury and one of England's unofficial seats of power. Set in idyllic Berkshire surroundings, with Donnington Castle perched on the hillside behind, Bagnor boasts more than its fair share of influential public figures - at least at weekends. The village, however, is under threat and so far none of its powerful residents has been able to do anything about it.

The transport department is shortly to begin building the long-awaited Newbury bypass, which will provide the final link in the A34 trunk road. The project was first mooted in the 1950s and entered the government road programme in 1971. A public exhibition was held in 1982.

A western route was finally agreed in 1988, in preference to an eastern route, at a lengthy public enquiry. On its journey via Enbourne across the Kennet valley, the dual carriageway will pass through the easternmost end of Bagnor (slicing off a part of one garden), up beyond Donnington castle and on to rejoin the A34 north of Newbury just before the

The road will pass within 200 metres of Sir Michael Hordern's cottage and he and the others believe it will destroy the village's tranquillity. "It is an abomina-tion," says Sir Michael, who has lived in Bagnor since 1958. "This road is going to make a giant slash across the whole countryside. There are a lot of people who walk all over this area. It will be an enormous loss to everyone. They, talk about compensation But what use is that to me? I am in the last years of my life."

The choice of route was taken amid scenes of much passion and anger, and the decision still divides the town today. "It was like the civil war all over again, east versus west. You have never seen anything like it," recalls Dorothy Morley, a former chairman of the Society for the Prevention of the Western Bypass. Spewby, as it is known, was formed in 1982 by local residents. Under the patronage of Sir Michael, its 300 members continue to oppose a Western route.

Spewby does not deny that Newbury is desperately in need of a bypass. As far as many Newbury residents are concerned, however, Spewby's continued opposition is merely delaying a much needed relief road. The environment, say Spewby's critics, is not just about pretty villages like Bagnor it is about a grid-locked Newbury High Street every afternoon. Judith Chaplin is the Conservative party's prospective parliamentary candidate for Newbury, and is also John Major's personal political secretary. The Newbury bypass is desperately needed by the town." she says. "The current road is very congested. I want them to get on with the western bypass as soon as

urther delay seems likely. The controversy at Twyford Down in Hampshire, where locals and environmentalists are objecting to the final link of the M3 Winchester bypass, has refocused attention on Newbury. Roger Higman, of Friends of the Earth, believes the cases are very similar.

"Both roads are the last links in much bigger projects. The choices of route offered by government for debate gave environmentalists little chance to prevent the damage."



Peace of England: the village of Bagnor pictured from Rack Marsh Nature Reserve. The final link in the Newbury bypass threatens the eastern edge of the reserve

PROPOSED BY-PASS

The Newbury bypass was not, however, singled out for special mention by Carlo Ripa di Meana, the EC environment commissioner, in his recent controversial letter to the British government. In it, he alleged that a 1988 EC directive on environmental impact assessments should apply retrospectively "pipeline" schemes such as Twyford Down, the Channel Tunnel and five other projects. Friends of the Earth and Spewby have since contacted Signor Ripa di Meana and his office has confirmed that it is now looking into the Newbury case.

Objectors to the western route do not believe that sufficient environmental studies were carried out before approval was given, a claim which the transport department denies. "The Newbury bypass is a 'pipeline' scheme," said David Read, a DoT spokesman, "and a formal environmental statement was not issued under the terms of the EC directive. None the less, the department considers the procedures complied

with the spirit of the directive. The environmental impact of the scheme was thoroughly debated at the 1988 public enquiry

Next week on March 24, another public enquiry is due to be held in Newbury, to discuss compulsory purchase orders. Although the choice of route is not formally on the agenda. Spewby hopes that the enquiry will be coloured by the recent clash between Brussels and Whitehall The original public enquiry was

characterised, perhaps more than most, by intense, behind the scenes lobbying on both sides. Against the eastern route, the Jockey Club made its feelings clear about the prospect of a dual carriageway passing 50 metres from Newbury racecourse. Newbury is also a fast expanding town. Property developers lobbied hard for a western route, as it would create more housing development inside the bypass route than the more populated eastern

Given the number of important

people living in their village, Bagnor's residents felt that they had a chance of successfully resisting a western route. Legend has it that Nimbys with influence, such as Lords Palumbo and Hanson, are the bane of every civil servant. In truth, Bagnor's celebrities were unable to bend the ears of anyone of significance.

Lord Palumbo did, however, have the wealth to finance a strong legal presence at the first public

enquiry. Lord Hanson gave his support to Spewby, and Sir Michael Hordern delivered an impassioned, half-hour performance prompting a standing ovation.

Now, as far as Lord Palumbo is

concerned, the arguments have changed. Twyford Down, he believes, has made the European Commission's intervention at Newbury a possibility. Although his office plays down his connec-tions with Eurocrats, Lord Palumbo undoubtedly has a number of good contacts in Brussels. "It seems to me to be an act of irreversible environmental vandalism, prompted by short term expediency based on cost," he says. "It will threaten the unique character of that whole area of

west Berkshire." Formerly the focus of local dissent, Lord Palumbo is now being seen as a potential saviour by the locals. Bagnor is a small village with 21 houses, five of them tied cottages. Its shop owners. retired doctors and farm labourers lead quiet, modest lives. The larger

than life Lord Palumbo was always going to make a splash.

After buying Bagnor Manor in 1986, he tidied up the estate and then accused the locals of dropping litter everywhere. He also made it clear that he had no intention of mixing with the village. He sought planning per mission for an architectural folly and proposed to install a modern sculpture, consisting of 1.100 life-sized scarlet soldiers on a hillside. He has since dropped both plans, neither of which went down well with the locals. All is now forgiven, as John Newbrook, the landlord of the Blackbird, Bagnor's only pub.

explains.
"Lord Palumbo is now doing everything in his power to keep the place rural. It's very good of him to take up this cause. Surely he can do something, seeing as he has so many friends in high places. He is our last hope." It is doubtful whether such blind faith is justified. In reality, there is not much anyone can do at such a late stage.

the YHA going soft?

n a country youth hostel, I once saw a youngster Lum on a gas tap in the kitchen and hold a match to the gas ring on the counter beneath. She had not noticed that the connecting rubber tube was missing, so the gas simply poured out of the wall until it caught light with a boom. Fortunately, the flames were killed with wet tea towels and no one was

In many ways, this scene sums up the endearingly makeshift spirit of the traditional British hostel as set up by the Youth Hostel Association (YHA).

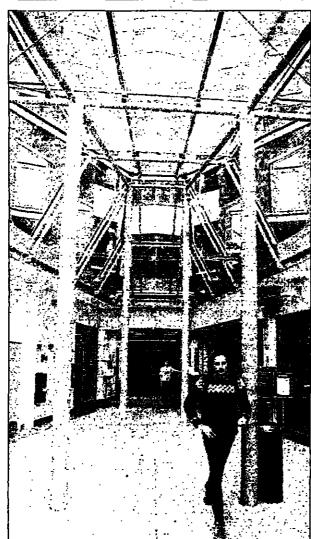
But at its newest hostel in Rotherhithe, south-east London, installed with Philips 'Whiripool" electric easyclean ceramic hobs, there is just not the same scope for blowing up the kitchen. The 320-bed hostel opened at the end of last year in a new, £5.5 million, five-storey building. The cookers are typical of the standard of fittings throughout. This has angered traditionalists, who feel that the association has no business running hotels with bunks.

There used to be an unwritten law at all youth hostels. You arrived in the evening. deposited your steaming outdoor clothes in the drying room, cooked your meal in the communal kitchen, spent an hour or two yarning with strangers in the common room, and went to bed in the single-sex dorm. Next morning, you often had to do a cleaning chore before leaving. You were not allowed back in again until evening.

But the problem, according to the YHA's London director, Terry Stoddart, was that the association was losing money. In 1981, it decided to become "marketing led". Twenty of its least profitable hostels were sold, and others earmarked for upgrading, including the five London hostels, which had always been

the most profitable. At Rotherhithe, plastic security cards offer visitors 24hour access. There is a range of dormitory sizes, right down to a twin-bedded room for couples, married or not. There are no chores - the cleaning is contracted out. Most amazing of all, there is a bar, although Mr Stoddart is

Farewell to communal kitchens and single-sex dorms — youth hostels are fighting back with a touch of luxury



Height of luxury: Rotherhithe hostel even has a bar quick to point out that it only

has a table licence. Across the river, the Carter Road Youth Hostel (as it used to be known) re-opened for business a fortnight ago, after a two-year refurbishment. The City of London YHA (as it is now known) stands within sight of the steps of St Paul's, in a magnificent, listed Victorian building that

was once the choir school.

The exterior is decorated with

terracotta and rare sgraffito

work. But inside the

modernisation is complete.

The split-level restaurant has

a suspended ceiling and a screen dividing the counter and eating area.

This will be small comfort to the traditionalists, to whom a restaurant has no place in a hostel. Rotherhithe has one too, but at least it offers the choice of a self-catering kitchen: Carter Road does not. "We're no longer aimed just at youths or hostellers," ex-plains the manager. Robin Tuttien. "It's budget accom-modation." A room for the night, both here and at Rotherhithe, costs £12-16. twice the price of a London

youth hostel a few years ago. Mr Stoddart says that the association had no choice but to upgrade. Some of its London hostels were in danger of being closed down by e environmental health authorities. It seems the association cannot get away with things in the city that it does in the country.

n an evening in March, three of Rotherhithe's "hostellers" (one German, one Canadian, one Scottish) turn out to be working in television and staying in the hostel temporarily. "It seems rather-suave, for a hostel," observes the Scot, Andrew Slorance, who has never been hostelling

Eventually a more typical youth hostelling couple enters: a man with a big, grey beard and his son, who is wearing a Bart Simpson Tshirt. Both are called Simon Wheatcroft, and are on a visit to London from their home in Gillingham. The father has long

hostelling experience. "Tan-ner's Hatch," he says reflec-tively, referring to a hostel in Surrey famous for having no electricity, "that's a nice little place." "It's a hovel," counters his son. "This one has TVs and arcade games." When a hostel is located

three miles up a muddy track from the nearest road, it is possible to guess what its customers are after. In London, Mr Stoddart explains, choice is important. Rotherhithe is intended for families and tourist parties (it is well located for access to the Channel ports). Those who want a (slightly) cheaper and more basic traditional hostel can stay in Highgate Village

or Hampstead Heath. The senior Mr Wheatcroft, who looks as if he might have dealt competently with many a kitchen explosion in his time, is not convinced. "Year's ago you put a bucket of water in the river to wash yourself," he says. But he acknowledges, "This is a city hostel. And I'm enjoying my stay."

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Making ruins out of mountains

Michael McCarthy reports on the royal charity, Alp Action, which aims to

save the Alps from environmental ruin

he Alps may be beautiful, but they are in trouble. Last week, the European Parliament warned that development was pushing towards mentally acceptable, and that this year's Winter Olympics at Albert-ville had done "scrious environ-

France had ignored EC environment protection laws to clear slopes for the ski-runs and build and extend multi-lane highways through the mountains.

This was just the latest of the insults to hit the Alps, Europe's winter playground. Air pollution, soil erosion, excessive development and tourism are putting the moun-

tains under intolerable pressure.
Ian White, the British Socialist
MEP, told the parliament that there should be community-wide legislation to ensure that areas such as the Alps were not subjest to "nationalistic exploitation". Scientists who

study the Alps are worried. They fear that deforestation soil erosion could threaten more than just the mountains, because most of Europe's great rivers - the Rhine, the Rhône, the Danube (through the River Inn) and the Po rise in the Alps. Carastrophic flood-ing is one possibility.

Prince Sadruddin although recent years have been so dry as to suggest the opposite

danger, of sources drying up. A strategy to save the Alps from environmental ruin is to be drawn up by Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the United Nations' principal troubleshooter for relief and refugee emergencies.

The Geneva-based prince is turning from 35 years of UN

preserve Europe's largest mountain chain,

Alp Action, a charity he set up two years ago, is to sponsor the first comprehensive conservation plan, economic, social and environmental, for the Alps as a single ecosystem, the prince said An initial draft of the plan

should be launched next February at the World Economic Forum, the annual gathering of inter-national business leaders and finance ministers, in the Swiss mountain resort of Davos. "It seems the most appropriate

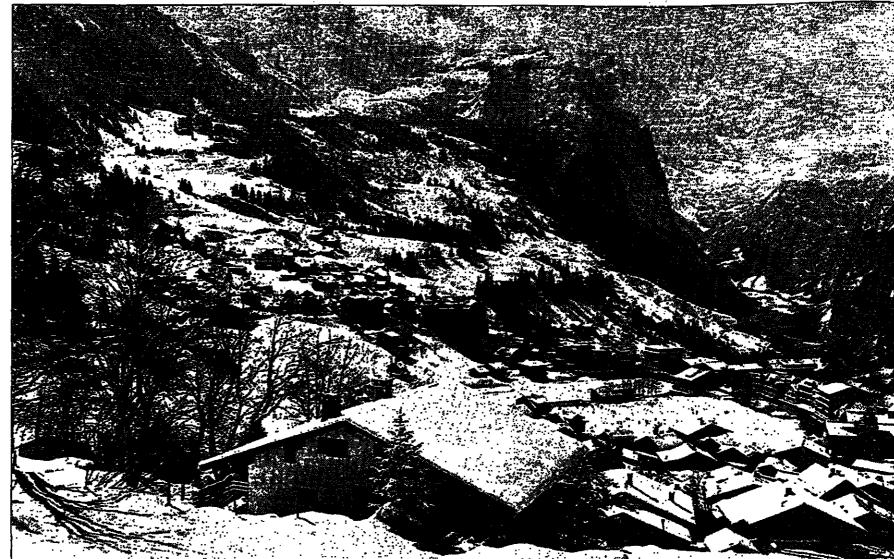
Prince Sadruddin, who was the UN High Commissioner for Refu-gees from 1965 to 1977 and the UN relief co-ordinator in Iraq after the Gulf war, was considered in many quarters a strong candidate to succeed Javier Pérez de Cúellar as UN Secretary General last November. A decade earlier, only a Russian veto

had kept him from assuming the pos-ition in Senor Perez de Cúellar's place. However, the appointment of the Egyptian Boutros Boutros Ghali has

now caused the 59year-old prince, the uncle of Karim, the present Aga Khan, to re-order his priorities, and he said in an interview with

The Times that while he will be on stand-by for emergency UN missions, he will be devoting much more time to his environmental interests. "Since my youth, I have been marked by my life in the Swiss Alps," said the prince who was educated in Lausanne and

in producing an alpine conservation strategy he will be filling a crucial policy gap, as the



A rocky future: scientists worry that air pollution, soil erosion, excessive development and increasing tourism are putting the Alps under intolerable pressure

extension of the alpine range through seven countries has left the conservation effort, and development control, fragmented and hitherto ineffectual.

The proliferation of ski lifts, chalets and even whole new concrete villages at 6,000 feet has been largely unrestricted, while the mountain road network bears 20 per cent of all passengers and

of gamma rays, emerging appar-ently from nowhere then disap-pearing just as rapidly, have defied explanation. Nobody knows where

they come from, how they are

The amounts of energy involved

formed, or what they mean.

western Europe, by nature of its position at the continent's hub. Acid rain, caused by traffic fumes, is severely affecting alpine forests and along with mushrooming resort development, has contributed to alarming mountain erosion and reduction of wildlife. Traditional alpine farming communities are disappearing as the seasonal economy of winter sports

The difficulty for the prince's plan is that the economic vested interests pushing development, and resultant environmental degradation, will be hard to check. In November in Salzburg the seven alpine countries — France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia and Liechtenstein - signed the Alpine Convention, a

framework treaty full of good intentions. However, the treaty's

and nature conservation, will be very much harder to negotiate, if they are signed at all.

Some of the Swiss mountain cantons are objecting that "ecological interests" are going to hold up their development. There is only one answer, the prince says. "We must carry the mountain communities with us. We do not

teeth, individual protocols on tour-

ism, traffic, mountain agriculture

want to seem elitists, telling them how to run their lives."

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In drawing up its plan, Alp Action will seek to build a consensus among the montagnards that preserving their environment is in their own best interests, the prince says. "In particular if we are asking them to refrain from development sometimes, we must ask ourselves what economic alternatives we can offer them.'



For now: figures show that there is no ozone hole over Britain

Ozone intact

IN SPITE of headlines about ozone damage, measurements by the National Radiological Protection Board show no evidence of an increase in ultra-violet radiation over Britain, Nigel Hawkes writes. The NRPB measures ultra-vio-

let at three sites in Britain: its headquarters at Chilton in Oxfordshire, at Leeds and at Glasgow. Over the past month, the measurements show roughly similar levels to those found at the corresponding period in the past three years. These figures make it clear that at present, at least, there is no ozone hole over Britain.

The staff of English Nature, who were advised last month to consider wearing sunglasses and a barrier cream as they went about their business, need not be too concerned. "It's very important to continue monitoring, but the data doesn't show any significant amounts of radiation." says Dr Colin Driscoll of NRPB.

'If we started to pick up values typical of May in February, then that would be out of the ordinary." Increased ultra-violet radiation would be the most serious consequence of an ozone hole, since it is the ozone that shades the earth's surface at these wavelengths. The wavelengths of the greatest concern are those that cause sunburn, between 280 and 320 nanometres, which are classified as UVB. The longer wavelength UVA (320-400 nm) is less dangerous.

The NRPB would like to establish a Europe-wide network to monitor for UVB, stretching from the Canary Islands in the south (latitude 25 degrees N) to Thule in Greenland (80 degrees N). The idea is to set up about 30 sites in 11 countries, using the same instruments that are already in use

in Britain, to provide comparable figures for the whole of Europe. Each system would cost about £7,000 to set up, complete with computers to record the readings, and the network could be running within two years. The NRPB has applied to the European Commission for a grant. A team from the university of Reading has also put in a bid, although their proposal is

fine display of celestial fire-works has the astronomers bewildered. Sudden bursts

> scientists since they were first

are staggering. According to Carl Fichtel, of Nasa's Goddard Space Flight Centre, three sources he has found are emitting between 10

much gamma ray energy as the entire Milky Way galaxy.

Dr Fichtel told the American Astronomical Society in January: 'In one week, the energy emitted is the same as if you had annihilated the entire mass of the sun."

Gamma ray bursts were discovered by accident. Concerned that the former Soviet Union might be preparing to cheat on the treaty banning atmospheric nuclear testing, the United States in 1963 launched the first of a series of military satellites to detect gamma rays from illicit tests.

The Vela satellites found plenty of gamma ray bursts, but none from nuclear explosions on earth. The US had stumbled on a new class of celestial event, but kept it to themselves until 1973.

Since then, more sources have been found, but we are none the closer to understanding what they

One of the most difficult questions is whether the sources are local, remote, or very remote. Dr Fichtel's quasars are between seven and 25 billion light years away, but other gamma ray sources

appear to be much more local.

Observations show gamma rays coming from quite small areas, distributed apparently smoothly across the sky, and in most cases not associated with any other visible objects.

The mystery has been deepened by surveys of gamma ray wavelengths conducted by the Compton Gamma Ray Observatory, Gamma ray bursts have baffled

and the Christmas pud

Celestial fireworks

discovered in 1963

placed in earth orbit by the shuttle Atlantis last April. The observagamma ray bursts, but has failed to confirm earlier theories about what they might be.

One of the Compton scientists, Gerald Fishman of Nasa's Marshall Space Flight Centre, says that only once this century, when the nature of galaxies was being hotly debated in the 1920s, have

astronomers been so confused. The trouble is that the Compton studies have cast doubt on the favourite theory about gamma ray bursts, which was that they came from explosions or the impacts of comets on the surfaces of neutron stars within the Milky Way - that is, they were quite local events.

f so, the Compton instruments would show fewer of them when they looked in a direction perpendicular to the galactic disc. and more along the axis of the disc. However, the bursts were as smoothly distributed as currants

in a Christmas pudding. "The new data raise problems," says Professor Sir Martin Rees, of the institute of Astronomy at Cambridge. The distribution of the brightness of the bursts suggests that the objects cannot be very local, or we would be seeing a larger number of weaker ones.

That this is not so, combined with the distribution, suggests that the sources may be in the form of a "halo" of neutron stars surrounding the galaxy and about 150,000 light years away, beyond the furthest visible stars in the galaxy. If they are, then the gamma ray

bursts originate from cataclysmic events such as thermonuclear explosions, collisions with comets, or huge starquakes, all of which are thought capable of generating

sufficient numbers of gamma rays of the right sort of energy.

Typically, the bursts last anything from fractions of a second to a few minutes. The difficulty with the explanation is quite how the neutron stars got themselves into a halo around the galaxy, when more normal objects are con-Furthermore, why are we not seeing similar bursts from halos

around other, nearby galaxies?
This has led some astronomers to propose an even more exotic explanation - that the sources of the bursts are at really enormous distances and are driven by extraordinary sources of energy. Professor Rees suggests that perhaps two neutron stars might. coalesce to form a black hole this could be over in a fraction of a second — consistent with the short

lives of some of the bursts. Professor Rees also thinks that such events could happen often enough to account for the number of bursts observed. Suppose that such an event took place once every 100,000 years in each galaxy, and that there are a total of 100 million to a billion galaxies then the number of gamma ray bursts so far observed could be accounted for. The difficulty is in

knowing how many gamma rays such an event would release. If this model is correct, however, it could tie with the search for gravitational waves, predicted by relativity but yet to be discovered The merging neutron stars would produce such waves, which might be seen by detectors being built.

If the wave seen by a detector coincided with a gamma ray burst, that would be confirmatory evidence, and provide an idea of the direction from which the gravitational wave was coming.

NIGEL HAWKES

America

ponding weeks averaged over the years between 1960 and 1980. plays safe Friendly bilby THE American defence depart-

ment is blocking the purchase of space technology from the former Soviet Union, including a nuclear reactor designed as a rocket pro-pulsion unit. Critics say the Pentagon wants to snuff out what is left of the Soviet space and defence industries so that they can never again pose a threat to the United States. "There is a reluctance on the part of the administration to support in any way the remnants of the Soviet military complex,' says Steve Aftergood, a nuclear

Out of puff

THE last part of the Netherlands to be protected from the sea by windmills is to go electric next year. This will end a tradition dating from 1350, when windmills were first used as pumps. The water board at Aarlanderveen has decided that electric pumps will be more reliable, if less elegant. The past two years have been remarkably still, with too little wind to keep the mills turning. The Netherlands once had more than 9,000 windmills but now there are fewer than 1,000, many in need of restoration. Only about 50 regularly work more than one day a

Nervous eaters

NEUROTIC men eat quiche, according to Australian research, and strong-willed women munch chocolate. The survey, of more than 1,500 men and women, showed that many eating habits are closely associated with personality types. People who feel their future is at the mercy of fate tend to ignore dietary advice, while those who feel in control of their lives eat food high in fibre and less far, salt and sugar. Women with a tough-minded, aggressive or solitary attitude eat more refined sugar but less salt and protein

Laundry dozen

A FRENCH company believes we could all haive our use of detergents by putting a dozen small balls in with our washing. The mechanical action of the Wash'balls, as they are called. simulates old-fashioned hand scrubbing, gets washing cleaner, uses less powder and reduces wear and tear on the machine. The balls are about 1 in in diameter, weigh 30 grams, and are hard and resistant to detergents and high temperatures. The manufacturer, Welcom International, of Saint-Maur, says no washing machine can be considered truly green without Wash balls.

Thinning out

THE Canadian government has launched an ozone watch, which will ultimately give a daily report on the state of the ozone layer over the country. First reports say the layer over western Canada during the past two weeks is about 15 per cent thinner than in the corres-

AUSTRALIAN farmers want the Easter Bunny replaced by a creature called the bilby, a nocturnal marsupial about the size of a rabbit and equally cuddly but far less destructive. Rabbits are a menace, according to the South Australian United Farmers and Stockowners, who are championing the bilby's cause. Peter Day. the executive director, says: "Ur-ban dwellers do not realise the environmental damage caused by rabbits and indeed their effect on native mammals. Where you have rabbits you virtually do not have bilbies. The problem we face is that people think rabbits are cute. cuddly things, so we thought a great way to swing the whole thing around was to use the Easter Bilby

Save the tortoise

instead of the Easter Bunny.'

ONE of the last refuges of the Hermann tortoise is under threat from the Michelin tyre company. say French wildlife enthusiasts. Michelin wants to build a test track at Cannet-des-Maures, north of Cannes, where more than 300 of the rare tortoises live. "This is probably the most important tortoise site in Europe and one of the most active and successful conservation projects in France,"



says Ian Swingland, the founder of Kent University's Durrell Institute of Zoology. The defenders of the tortoise fear many will be killed by construction vehicles or by other vehicles using the track. The Michelin company has declined to

The warmest

THIS has been the warmest winter in the United States since records began 97 years ago, the National Climate Data Centre has reported. Preliminary figures for the 48 contiguous states showed the average winter temperature at 36.87F, more than 2C, says a meteorologist at the centre. That topped the previous record, in 1953-4, when the nation averaged 36. In Britain, the Meterological Office says the three months between December and February were 0.9C above the average, some way behind the warmest winter. 1988-9, which was 2.9C above

Weighing up the pigs

ENGINEERS in Britain and assessment of the quality of the Germany have come up with devices to gladden the heart of Lord Emsworth, breeder of the famous Empress of Blandings, Nigel Hawkes writes.

The Fraunholer Institute for Biomedical Technology, Munich, has announced production of the Porkitron, an ultrasound device that can measure the thickness of fat and meat on a pig's body to within a millimetre, while the Silsoe Research Institute, Bedford, has invented a way of weighing pigs just by looking at them."

The German invention is intended to avoid stressing the pig more than necessary. The Porkitron sends sound waves into the pig's body through heads placed at certain points on its back. The reflected sound gives an meat lying beneath the skin, and its precision is said to be ten times greater than conventional measuring equipment.

The device is linked to an automatic program which calculates what the carcass will be worth, taking into account current prices and the proportional distribution of meat and fat. The values

appear on an illuminated display. The Porkitron is now going into mass production for the international market. In principle, its inventors suggest, there is no reason why it should not also be used in sports centres to measure the effects of diet and exercise on the human frame - though it

might need a different name. The Silsoe invention uses a camera mounted above a pig pen to weigh them individually without stress - an important advantage, for pigs are easily upset.

As each pig goes to drink, an electronic tag tells the camera which one it is, and a plan view of the pig taken by the camera is passed to an image analysis program which can assess its weight to within 5 per cent.

The Agriculture and Food Research Council, which is responsible for the Silsoe work, says that the system could be used to identify pigs that were going to drink more often than others. perhaps a sign of illness. Additionally, it might be able to indicate the exact moment a sow was about to farrow, alerting stockmen and even reporting if there was an



In the pink: pigs are easily upset so weighing demands care



Frances Gibb profiles the men who could fill the Lord Chancellor's post









Lord Mackay, left: expected to step down if the Tories win. The lawyers in waiting, from left: Sir Patrick Mayhew, Lord Irvine, Peter Archer

ho will be the next Lord Chan-cellor? Whatever the outcome of the election, a question mark hangs over the next holder of the cabinet post that straddles the executive and the judiciary.

Speculation is strong that Lord Mackay of Clashfern, who has held office for nearly five years, would step down within three months of a Mackay, who will be 65 in July, is believed to want time with his family, and to return to Edinburgh.

The decision would be entirely his and he has the unequivocal backing of the prime minister and ministerial colleagues. He has already put in a longer stint than almost any other government minister, and although there is still unfinished work, such as the rolling programme of re-form to family law, his reforms of the legal profession are now on the statute book.

There is already vigorous debate, therefore, as to who might succeed Lord Mackay in a new Conservative administration. The obvious contenders include the Attorney-General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, who might bring more political experience to the job than did Lord Mackay, but solicitors fear he would lack Lord Mackay's reforming zeal on the opening-up of the Bars monopoly of advocacy rights

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in the higher courts. Sir Patrick is the formal head of the Bar and the minister responsible for the government legal service. He found his loyalties split on the issue of advocacy rights for the government legal service. He was obliged to leave the initiative to the relevant departmental heads, the Director of Public Prosecutions and the

Treasury Solicitor. A candidate could come from the practising judiciary, like Lord Mackay, a law lord when Mrs Thatcher unexpectedly made him Lord Chancellor. Lord Donaldson, the Master of the Rolls, would have been the obvious choice but at 71 he would probably be thought too old. Lord Justice Woolf is a

Who gets the top job if Mackay goes?

be widely welcomed across the legal profession. He is one of the most progressive-minded of the senior judges with plenty of ideas on reforming

the courts system. He has floated the idea of a director of civil proceedings to bring important civil actions in the public interest, and has proposed a tribunal to deal with environmen-

tal law decisions. On the Labour side, two dear front-runners have emerged: Lord ir-vine, QC, the Labour silk who advised Neil Kinnock over his dealings with Militant in the 1980s and was given a peer-age by him, and Peter Archer. MP for Warley

West, who was the Solicitor-General in the 1974-79 Labour administration and is retiring from the Commons. Lord Irvine is regarded as highly intelligent, a "safe pair of hands". Mr Archer, a Methodist lay preacher who turned down the knighthood that goes with the Solicitor-General's job, is widely liked. Labour policy is for a sen-

tencing council, a judicial appointments commission and an investigative body to look at miscarriages of justice.

Each of the candidates, however, boasts a number of other ideas. Lord Irvine, aged

52, says the most important legal issue is "the cash crisis in the legal aid system". He promises a "radical rethink" of the way legal services are

no Government could sign a blank cheque for legal aid". believes, could be tackled by dealing with the law's "twin evils" of delays and costs.

In particular, he has proposed making alternative dispute resolution — out-of-court settlement of disputes through

The post might not go to either the Conservatives or Labour. In a hung Parliament, the post could well be one traded to the Liberal Democrats

> first step for all involved in civil disputes. If a party rejected a solution put forward by a neutral mediator, and the outcome of the dispute in court was not dissimilar, then that party should pay the penalty in

costs, he says. Second, he wants to cut out many of the preliminary hearings, the applications for "fur-ther and better particulars", and discovery of documents, and bring in target dates for trials, making judges more active in ensuring these are met. "I am proposing fast-track litigation with a handson approach by the judges,"

On the criminal law side, he favours abolishing committal proceedings "at a stroke". He is at pains to demolish

drink, the directors who ap-

place may have to pay.

Who does what

commission to investigate mis-

carriages of justice.

There are other contenders for the Lord Chancellor's post, such as Lord Mishcon, the opposition legal affairs spokesman in the Lords, and Anthony Scrivener, QC. Both are former Bar chairmen but are ranked as outsiders.

There is a final twist to all this. If Labour win, they have said they will create a ministry of justice. That means, ultimately, a secretary of state for legal administration in the Commons, assuming most of the responsibilities of the Lord Chancellor. As Mr Archer puts it: "Whoever is Lord Chancellor for Labour is a kamikaze

In turn, it makes Labour's choice of junior minister to the Lord Chancellor in the Commons all the more crucial, as he or she could go on to become the secretary of state. All eyes are on John Fraser, regarded as having done a good job as opposition legal

The Lord Chancellor's job, though, might not go to either the Conservatives or Labour. Another name is hovering in the wings: Alex Carlile, QC, for many years the Liberal legal affairs spokesman. In a hung Parliament, the post could well be one traded to the Liberal Democrats.

Deals that can beggar the aged

BRIEF

PATRICK

STEVENS

High Court test cases this year. The plaintiffs will be a cross-section of 1,200 victims of home income plans, represented by Anthony Scrivener, QC. The defendants will be solicitors, insurance advisers and building societies. There may be horror stories of repossessed pensioners. There will be sideswipes at solicitors for failing to warn their clients of the risks involved. But what are the real issues? Does every mortgage scheme for the elderly involve inevitable repossession and families finding that they inherit virtually nothing?

The issues are complicated because of the different mortgage schemes for the elderly and the differing responsibilities of the various parties involved. The basic arrangement is that an elderly person raises money by mortgaging his home. Usually the scheme would be set up by an insurance salesman and a solicitor would deal with the mortgage. Unlike in a conventional mortgage, however, there is no system for repaying the mortgage without selling the house.

Typically the borrower will have a limited income anyway and will be incapable. without assistance, of paying even the interest

on the mortgage.

The schemes differ in what happens from then on. Some of them involve to pay off the interest on the mortgage. Others simply "roll up" the interest and then rely

repay the loan. The repayment arrangements come in two basic types: those linked to fixed-return investments and those where the returns are far from guaranteed. The most appropriate fixed-return investment for elderly people is the annuity that can provide a guaranteed monthly income for the life of the annuity holder. Upon death the income ceases and there is no capital repayment. The annuity is provided by an insurance company that is gambling on the life expectan-

on the house being sold to

cy of the annuity holder. The older the person, the greater the rate of return. With very elderly people it is possible to get a greater return on the annuity than is being paid to the lender and the surplus provides additional income for the borrower.

To be totally safe, the rate of interest

payable on the mortgage must be fixed at a rate less than the return on the annuity. Few would-be borrowers are old enough for the scheme to work properly.

Problems have arisen with the nonguaranteed investments, such as insurance bonds, on which the salesman gets a large commission. The returns on these have often been poor, leaving the borrower with

loan. This interest has been added to the debt and compounded to the extent that many elderly borrowers find themselves owing much more than they borrowed.

With virtually every type of scheme it is possible to demonstrate circumstances on paper where the scheme works well. However. for every case in which it works there will be dozens where it will not work and can be a

Much of the argument in the test cases will concern the way in which unsuitable schemes were sold to elderly and often financially unsophisticated people, who were not warned about the risks involved.

The worst possible scenario works like this. Mr and Mrs Poor only have state pensions for income. They own a house, which is worth £70,000 and free from mortgage. An insurance salesman approaches them and tells them they can raise a mortgage of £60,000, which can be invested to produce an average rate of return of 15 per cent while they pay only 10 per cent interest on the mortgage. This means extra income of £3.000 a year. The capital of the investment is preserved and can be used to pay off the mortgage whenever necessary. The Poors are told that the more they borrow, the more they

will make. Rapacity overcomes sagacity and the investment provides a return of 3 per cent while the mortgage rate zooms up to 15 per cent and the capital value of the underlying investment declines to £45,000. The mortgage debt increases to £80,000 and the Poors' house is now worth just £60,000. The lender is now taking possession proceedings. If the house is now sold, the borrowers will be left with about £22,000 after the costs of

the sale. The Poors will blame the salesman who sold them this scheme, the solicitor who dealt with the mortgage and the lender who provided the wherewithal for the bad investment. They will be alleging

misrepresentation and negligence. There will be some difficulties. The salesman will claim that he warned Mr and Mrs Poor of the risks. When he finds no such evidence he will claim that his duty was confined to dealing with the mortgage and did not extend to considering the viability of the scheme.

He may even add, somewhat piously, that he is not qualified to advise on investments. The courts will have to decide liability but the smart money will be on the salesman and the solicitor being liable if they cannot prove that they made the risks clear to the borrowers. The lenders should make a very паттом ексапе.

● The author is a practising solicitor

Labour's lawmen

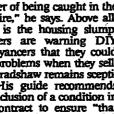
LEADING lawyers are already cropping up in the party political campaigns. Anthony Scrivener, QC, last year's Bar chairman, contributed to the Labour brochure, "Your Land, My Land", and appeared recently with Labour leaders at a conference. Rodger Pannone, the deputy vice-president of the Law Society, is expected to appear among the personalities speaking up for Labour, possibly in television commercials.

Set-shifting

WHILE London barristers get hot under their collars about the rents at the Inns of Court, Bedford Row must be giving thanks for the recent moves there by the set of Evan Stone, QC, and the Bar Council itself. Since those moves, it has welcomed others who find it gives a better deal in space and costs than the Inns. The latest to go there is the set of Andrew Thornhill, QC, which is deserting Pump Court.

Sell-it-yourself

JOSEPH Bradshaw, the DIY conveyancing guru, has updated his guide, "House Buying, Selling and Convey-ancing for All", first published nine years ago for homeowners wishing to cut out the middlemen. Since then, he says, the conveyancing monopoly has gone. Mortgages are easier and competition between agencies is rife. "Innocent homeowners are in



that could crop up later". He urges readers: "Do not be afraid to have a go." Alert for bosses

pump to get their refund

INNS AND OUTS danger of being caught in the and non-executive directors. from complying with regula-

crossfire," he says. Above all, tory requirements to potential criminal liability for breaches there is the housing slump. Lawyers are warning DIY conveyancers that they could face problems when they sell. of the environmental legislation, the authors advise direc-Mr Bradshaw remains sceptitors to adopt a sound strategy cal. His guide recommends the inclusion of a condition in for risk management. As there is a controversy over the large salaries and golden hand-shakes on offer to directors, the contract to ensure "that you as vendor are not left responsible for awful obligathe authors also say legal tions attaching to the property challenges to service contracts are becoming more common. A contract that is excessively generous can be set aside by the courts, leaving the director to refund all the benefits, including the salary he has already been paid. If he has

spent it all on gambling and

NORTON Rose's new guide, 'Directors at Risk", gives the warning: "Directors should remember that, although a company's liability may be limited under UK law, a director's liability for damages will be unlimited." As the trend in law is to extend personal liability exposure of executive

what every one of its members It'll take a stomach. does, was launched last week. The event would have been "inconceivable" 25 years ago. Mr Justice Hoffmann said at the launch. His chambers at the time were "furnished with deliberate squalor". He recalled: "The clerk's room looked like Scrooge's county house and the Chancery judges were top hats as they walked gravely along the ter-race to lunch in hall." The work is also different. The old staple Chancery diet of trusts and wills and

conveyancing has almost gone and instead there is a steady growth of company law, intellectual property and insolven-

Bar line on the government

legal reforms. He says solici-

tors should have advocacy

rights in the higher courts

subject to satisfactory training

and experience, and that advo-

cacy rights for Crown Prosecu-

tion lawyers are in the longer

puts legal aid at the top of the

Mr Archer, who is 65, also

agenda, and would refer the

vexed issue of fixed

fees in magistrates

courts to the Royal

Commission on

Criminal Justice.

He wants an adv-

mission to look at

availability of legal

services, to employ

sure that solicitors

salaried

doing legal aid work are paid

promptly and properly. For public or private employers to

use a service and then say they

cannot afford to pay for it for a year is "disgraceful", he says.

Mr Archer can lay claim to a

measure that in 1979 restored

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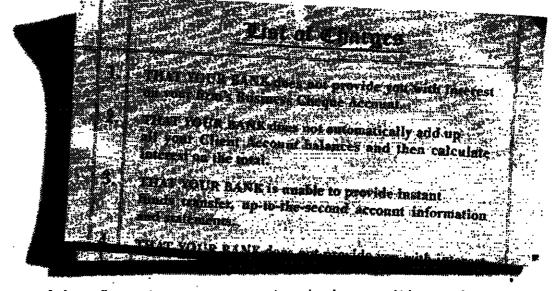
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Into the European lobby

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aywers in Brussels are finding that lobbying over devel-opments in new European Community laws is a a growing and important part of their work. The law-making procedures both in the UK and in the EC invite informed discussion and debate and provide the opportunity to advance given interests. Currently, a range of people are involved in lobbying: industry associations, chambers of commerce, professional lobbyists, politicians and, within the EC, diplomats and national representatives.

Professional lobbyists and others

involved, however, say lawyers who are often best placed to make positive contributions to formulating new laws, and the skills they can apply appear to be better appreciated and used in Brussels than in Westminster.

The plethora of foreign practices in Brussels shows the attention paid to the EC's administrative centre by big international law firms. Ulick Bourke, of Clifford Chance's Brussels office, confirms that the firm is becoming increasingly involved in advising on proposed laws and on the strategies and methods of having them altered. Leonard Hawkes, of S.J. Berwin & Co's Brussels office. says: "We get involved in lobbying for legislation to be adopted, so it is not just a critical process

The experience of the large American law firms is similar. Geoffrey Oliver, of O'Melveny and Myers in Brussels, says that although this work is not as significant as the firm's trade and competition business, it is becoming more important.

A significant part of lobbying is anticipating proposed measures. EC lawyers stress that it is best to start early, before a European Commission proposal is formally drafted. Many firms accept watching briefs for clients.

This level of involvement appears not to be matched locally. Chris Davies, the public affairs director with the Communication Group, a UK-based public relations business. believes that it is more common in Britain than elsewhere for companies to use professional lobbyists or their own employees. Some cross-referral now occurs with lawyers who are advising on new legislation, suggest-



ing to clients that a professional government relations lobbyist be retained, or a lobbyist suggesting that a lawyer is required. He believes, however, that the local culture is different, and the need to influence the drafting of new laws is not always

Mr Bourke argues that, as the EC is based on a legal order established under the Treaty of Rome, all its activities have legal implications. The law-making process is long and complex, and those very familiar with EC procedures are well placed to advise on substantive points and the strategies for following proposed laws through the EC and even the

national arenas of member states. Mr Hawkes says lawyers can help clients to produce "the sort of short, practical persuasive document which a busy commission or European parliamentarian has time to read and which will assist him in forming a

With a knowledge of EC or local

laws, lawyers can help to identify key issues and ambiguities and ensure that the proposals are integrated and consistent with other legislation. There could be aspects of proposed laws, such as denials of natural justice, which would not be appreciated by laymen. It is a cooperative effort: the client knows most about the industry, the lawyer about the

legal setting. Lawyers' knowledge of a

particular area can be an important

aspect of reviewing the impact of possible legislation. This is already appreciated by some industry groups, such as the Food and Drink Federation of the United Kingdom. John Wood, of the federation, confirms that it usually has a lawyer on its committees that examine proposed legislation. An industry lawyer was included last year on the federation's food law panel, which made representations to the government over what is now the Food Safety Act of 1990, an impor-

legal framework in which the indus-

try would operate in the UK. Legal knowledge can be particularly relevant in areas heavily regulated, such as financial services. Lawyers' analytical and drafting skills, plus experience in advocacy, can be well employed in devising arguments and formulating written submissions. Lawyers can also help clients to

identify and mobilise allies, says Walter Oberreit, of the American firm Cleary, Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton, "especially if the client is not experienced on the European

Geoffrey Oliver, of O'Melveny and Myers, stresses the constructive aspects of lobbying. In his experience, EC officials often welcome informed comment from those knowledgeable in the industry, and their advisers and lobbyists can help to clarify proposed regulation.

Nationally, in relation to private bills in particular, Chris Davies says it is vital that lawyers' technical knowtant piece of legislation which set the

ledge and drafting skills are used. Even if a public bill is being drafted, a lawyer is a great asset. Although people believe Westminster and Whitehall are secretive, the UK lawmakers, he believes, are often responsive if approached properly with constructive suggestions. This argues for a well prepared case, soundly ed legally and well presented," he says. Much money, he says, is wasted in the UK on unfocused and badly

Lawyers in private practice, however, have to be briefed to contribute to the law-making process and are accordingly constrained from taking the initiative in lobbying. In-house legal counsel are in this respect well able to take an active approach, assisting their employers.

handled lobbying.

Trade associations and industry groups should consider whether a lawyer can help, both with their argument and in shaping their lobbying strategy. • The author is a freelance writer

This way to the fiesta

As Spain integrates with the EC,

more British firms head for the sun

pain's Year of Fiesta marks another important stage in its emergence as a full member of the European Community. Even if the end of the Olympic Games and Expo is marked by an economic headache. Spain's economic integration with the rest of Western Europe will continue

For international lawyers this has created an opportunity to set up in Madrid and Barcelona the sophisticated services the business community needs. Half a dozen English law firms are now down there.

In deference to the sensibilities of the local lawyers. however, some firms thought it prudent to keep a low profile. Stephenson Harwood, for example, has four lawyers (three English qual-ified, one

Spanish) in Madrid but has tended to play down its nections and adopted a certain amount camouflage. Not so Freshfields, which

nar for Spanish financial analysts in Madrid a fortnight ago to emphasise that it had arrived in town.

Under the management of an English partner, John Byrne, Freshfields has recruited a mix of big-name Spanish lawyers and younger people who are keen to work for foreign firms. The aim is to provide Spain's bankers and business people with the kind of service no local Spanish firm can offer.

The membership of the

European Community provides a setting for these developments. Because of the dash of cultures, many merchant banks have difficulty in dealing with Spanish lawyers. Although there is no question that they are good at what they know, they are sometimes valued more for their trustworthiness and confidentiality than their legal skills.

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The past five years of change within Spain's financial community means, however, that this is no longer good enough. Greater sophistication is now required to cope with the greater depth of the Spanish capital market and there is a similar need for transparency in the preparation of company

For Javier Gomez-Acebo, one of the senior lawyers recruited by Freshfields, there were initial fears of a colonial

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Ensign Tankers (Leasing) Ltd v Stokes (Inspector of

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Templeman, Lord Goff of Chieveley and Lord Jauncey of

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There was a fundamental difference between tax mitigation and unacceptable tax avoidance. Where a taxpayer took advantage of the law to plan his affairs so as to minimise the incidence of tax, that amounted to tax mitigation. But where the taxpayer created complex and artificial schemes under which loss, or a gain or expenditure was shown but in fact never existed, such schemes were raids on public funds at the expense of the

general body of taxpayers and were, therefore, unacceptable. Faced with series of trans-actions, the court must first construe them, regarded as a whole, so as to ascertain their true effect in law and then it must apply the enactment as construed to the true effect of the transactions and to decide whether the enactment

was intended to cover it Thus, where the facts clearly showed that the taxpayer, under a scheme, had expended capital for a trading activity, by section 41 of the Finance Act 1971 that capital expenditure generated a first-year allowance. The section was not concerned with the purpose of the transaction but with the purpose

of the expenditure.

The House of Lords so stated allowing an appeal by the tax-payer, Ensign Tankers (Leasing) Ltd from an order dated January 30. 1991, of the Court of Appeal (Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Stoart-Smith and Lord Justice Leggan) (The Times February 5, 1991; [1991] I WLR 341), allowing an appeal by the Revenue from an order of Mr Justice Millett (The Times July 26, 1989; [1989] 1 WLR 1222) who allowed an appeal by the taxpayer from a determination of the special

commissioners and had held that transactions whereby capital expenditure was incurred by imited partnerships on acquiring master film negatives were trad-ing transactions that entitled the taxpayer to first-year allowances under section 41 of the Finance

The Court of Appeal remitted the case to the commissioners for their reconsideration.

The taxpayer entered into a series of transactions under which two limited partnerships were set up to finance production of two films which were under

production.

The partnerships then entered into agreements under which they paid substantial amounts towards the cost of producing the films and undertook to meet the entire costs of the producing and in costs of the production and in return proposed to acquire the ownership rights of the films. Under certain loan agreements,

the production companies lent to the partnership sufficient moneys for completing the films if they ran over the budgeted costs. Those were non-recourse loans being repayable only out of the receipts of the films.

Mr John Gardiner, QC and Mr Jonathan Peacock for the tax-payer; Mr Christopher McCall,

QC and Mr. Launcelot Hender-son for the Crown.

- LORD TEMPLEMAN said that in Craven v White (Stephen) (1989] AC, 398, 479) Lord Keith of Kinkel stated that the principle was that the court must first construe the relevant enactment in order to ascertain its meaning. It must then analyse the series of transactions in question, re-garded as a whole, so as to ascertain its true effect in law.

Finally, the court must apply the enactment as construed to the true effect of the series of transactions and so decide whether or not the enactment was intended to cover it.

Applying that test to section 41 of the 1971. Act and to the single composite transaction regarded as a whole, the true effect in law was an expenditure by the partnerships of \$3.25 million and the true fiscal effect was a firstyear allowance equal to that sum. In Commissioners of Inland
Revenue v Challenge Corporation Ltd [1987] AC 155, 167168) his Lordship himself said
that income tax was mitigated by
a taxpayer who reduced his in-

assessable income or entitled him to reduction in his liability. But income tax was avoided where the taxpayer reduced his tiability to tax without involving him in the loss or expenditure which entitled him to that

come or incurred expenditure in circumstances which reduced the

The taxpayer here claimed that the partnerships generated a first-year allowance of \$14 million without incurring the expenditure of \$14 million. That was tax straightful and the straigh avoidance and fell within the

principle of Ramsay (W. T.) Ltd v IRC [[1982] AC 300).

But those principles did not compel or authorise the court to disregard all the fiscal consequences of a single composite the court in the court

transaction read as a whole on the ground that it appeared that the transaction was a tax avoidance In the present case the commis-sioners felt bound to ignore all the fiscal consequences which were

beneficial to the taxpayer because the partnerships had entered into the scheme "with fiscal motives as Similarly, in the view of the Vice-Chancellor, the taxpayer was deprived of all the beneficial effects of the scheme if the scheme was entered into "essentially for

the purpose of obtaining a fiscal advantage under the guise of a commercial transaction": (supra p357). His Lordship did not consider that the commissioners or the courts were competent or obliged to decide whether there was a sole

object or paramount intention nor to weigh fiscal intentions against non-fiscal elements. The task of the commissioners was to find the facts and to apply the law, subject to correction by the courts if they misapplied the law. The facts were undisputed and the laws are seen. and the law was clear.

The partnerships expended capital of \$3.25 million for the purpose of producing and exploit-ing a commercial film. The production and exploitation of a production and exploitation of a film was a trading activity. The expenditure of capital for the purpose of producing and exploit-ing a commercial film was a trading purpose.

By section 41 of the 1971 Act capital expenditure for a trading purpose generated a first-year allowance. The section was not concerned with the purpose of the transaction but with the purpose of the expenditure. Thus the principles of Ramsay and subsequent authorities did not apply to the expenditure of \$3.25 million because that was real and not magical expenditure by the

partnerships.
Accordingly, the legal effect of the transaction, whatever its design, was a trading transaction whereby the partnerships ex-pended \$3.25 million towards the production of a film in which the partnerships had a 25 per cent

A trading transaction could thus be plainly identified which was not a sham and could have resulted in either a profit or a loss. The expenditure of \$3.25 million

The receipts of \$3 millon were real receipts. The expenditure entitled the taxpayer to a first-year allowance and the receipts in the receipt in the receipts posed a corporation tax liability.
Thus the orders of the Court of Appeal and Mr Justice Millert would be set aside the case referred back to the commisagreement, the tax assessment of

generated. Lord Goff and Lord Jauncey gave concurring speeches and Lord Keith and Lord Brandon

taxpayer on the footing that

\$3.25 million allowance was

Solicitors: Belmont & Lowe for Hugh James Jones & Jenkins, Cardiff; Solicitor of Inland Void transactions are not contracts

Kleinwort Benson Ltd Glasgow City Council Bardays Bank plc v Same

Before Mr Justice Hirst

(Judgment February 27) Transactions which had been declared void ab initio as contracts were not open to classification as "matters relating to contract under the Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters, signed at Brussels in 1968 and scheduled to the Civil Jurisdiction and Judg-ments Act 1982, so as to allow jurisdiction in the courts of the country of performance of obliga-tions arising from the

transactions. Mr Justice Hirst so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a judgment delivered in open court after a hearing in chambers when granting a declaration sought by Glasgow City Council that the jurisdiction for actions by two banks, Kleinwort Benson Ltd and Benson Ltd and Benson Bank of the chiming stores. Barclays Bank plc, claiming sums from Glasgow City Council was Scotland and dismissing the actions commenced in England.

Mr Thomas Beazley for the banks; Mr Jonathan Tecks for the MR JUSTICE HIRST said

Bardays were claiming £389,431 for sums paid under one interest rate swap agreement and Kleinwort for £807,230.31 for

sums paid under seven.
'Hazell v Hammersmith and Fulham LBC ([1991] 2 WLR 372)

v had established that interest rate swap transactions were ultra vires the local authorities making them and void ab initio.

The banks now claimed the return of the sums on the basis of restitution on various grounds. The council sought declarations that the court had no jurisdiction and to have the actions in England dismissed.

The parties agreed that section 16 of and Schedule 4 to the 1982 Act applied to determine the court's jurisdiction. Article 2 of the Brussels Convention pro-vided: "... persons domiciled in a part of the United Kingdom shall ... be sued in the courts of that part." Prima facle the banks could only sue in England if they

could bring themselves within the special jurisdiction of article 5.

Article 5 provided that a person could be sued "(1) in matters relating to a contract, in the courts for the place of performance of the obligation in question:

"(3) in matters relating to tort, delict or quasi-delict, in the courts for the place where the harmful event occurred or . . . is likely to

occur; . " Section 16(3)(a) of the 1982 Act required regard to be had, in determining the effect of Sched-ule 4, to the decisions and principles of the European Court on the 1968 Convention.

As to article 5(1) it was agreed the place of performance was to have been England. Was it a matter relating to contract? Given that the transvoid ab initio that appeared to be placing a severe strain on the language of article 5(1).

Having examined the case law, his Lordship could find nothing there to give the court jurisdiction under article 5(1).

It was legitimate to take the provisions of the Convention on the Law Applicable to Contracmal Obligations 1980 (the Rome Convention) into account in construing article 5(1) of the Brussels Convention but it could minative of the article's construction.

Moreover, the court was en-titled to take account of the fact that the UK had excluded article 10(1)(e) of the Rome Convention

contract from the law of UK.

It was no doubt proper and necessary for the Rome Convention to stipulate a proper law applicable to the consequences of nullity of the contract to embody a comprehensive conflicts of law code but it by no means followed that the consequences of nulling were matters relating to a con-tract, since ex hypothesi no con-

tract existed.

For those and other reasons, his Lordship held that the banks had failed to bring themselves within

article 5(1).
Similar reasoning led his Lordship to the conclusion that article 5(3) did not apply, therefore

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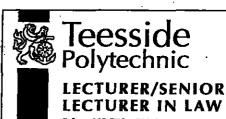
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Section 91(2) of and Schedule 9 to the Fair Trading Act. 1973 ("the Act.") require the Secretary of State, before keying before Parliament a draft of an order ising any of the powers specified in Part II of Schedule 8 to the Act, to cause notice of his intention to be published in the London Gazette, the Edinburgh ast Gazette and in two or more daily (other than local) newspapers and not to lay the draft until the end of the period of 42 days beginning with the day on which publication is completed.

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4. The Secretary of State accordingly hereby gives notice that following receipt of the reports of the Monopolies and Mergers-Commission entitled "Stora Kopparbergs Bergalaga AB/Swedish Match NV and Stora Kopparbergs Bergalaga AB/The Giffette Company – a report on the merger situations" and "Rezora and rezor blades – a report on the supply in the United Kingdom of rezors and rezor blades for wer shawing use." ("the Reports"), presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry by command of Her Majesty in March 1991 (Cm.1473 and Cm. 1472 respectively), he intends to lay before Parliament a draft of an order under sections 56(2), 73(2) and 90(2), (3) and (4) of, and paragraphs 1, 12C, and 14 of Schedule 8 to, the Act for the purpose of remedying or preventing adverse effects specified in the Reports.

5. The order will require Gillette UK Limited ("Gillette UK") to dispose of its equity interest in Eemland Holdings NV ("Eemland") and require Lustrasilk international UK Limited ("Lustrasilk") to dispose of the debt owed to it by Eemland, within six months in both cases. Until compliance, Gillette UK may not exercise any voting rights attaching to the equity, and neither it nor Lustrasilk may carry out any agreement relating to their interests, except to further compliance with the order or preserve the value of the interests.

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12. A copy of the draft order will be available to be seen at all reasonable times in the offices of the Department of Trade and Industry, Room 534, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6RB.

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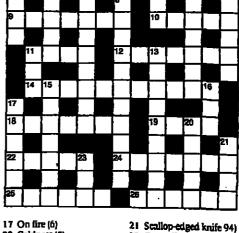
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WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax (89291) 6.30 Breakfast News (57678562)
9.05 Election Call, During the election campaign, Jonathan Dimbleby invites voters to ring 071-799 5000 to put their questions to the politicians. Today's guest is Tony Blair, the shadow employment secretary (9706123)

10.00 News. regional news and weather (8773369) 10.05 Playdays (s) (8269494) 10.25 Poddington Peas. Cartoon (r) (8776456) 10.35 Gibberish. Kenny Everett hosts the celebrity improvisation quiz (9229123)

11.00 News, regional news and weather (4901123) 11.05 Help Yourself. Pam Rhodes considers the benefits of counselling (3866949) 11.30 People Today with Minam Stoppard and Adrian Mills (9635562). Including at 12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.20 People Mill. Judi Spiera talks to pop singer Des'ree (s) (2355291) 12.55 Regional news and weather (60987475) 1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (19369)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (25725235)

1.50 Going for Gold. The European quiz (21125271)
2.15 Film: The Private Navy of Sergeant O'Farrell (1968). Jaded comedy about an assorted band of military personnal who congregate on an island in the aftermath of the second world war. Starring Bob Hope and Gina Lollobrigida. Directed by Frank

3.50 Children's BBC: Joshua Jones. Cartoon (4371543) 4.00 New Yogi Bear Show (r) (4635017) 4.10 The Story of Doctor Dolittle. Bernard Cribbins reads the second of a five-part story for Jackanory (s) (5894814) 4.25 Fentastic Mex. Carloon (r) (4614524) 4.35 The Really Wild Roadshow from the Wildlowl and Wetlands Trust in Simbndge (5523730) 5.00 Newsround (3562098) 5.10 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men. First of a six-

part cornedy by Tony Robinson (r). (Ceefax) (2596369)
5.35 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (701098). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Ceefax) 5.30 Regional News Magazines (611). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Holiday. Today's programme suggests Finnish Lapland, the Bahamas and Brittany for winter breaks and announces the winners of the holiday competition (4497)



Playing mum: Pam St Clement, Nicola Stapleton (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. Pat acts as a temporary mother to Mandy, a 15-year-old tearaway. Starring Pam St Clement and Nicola Stapleton.

(Ceefax) (s) (123)

8.00 Just Good Friends. Bitter-sweet comedy from John Sullivan.

Vince asks his father for advice, and Penny learns a few home truths. Starring Paul Nicholas and Jan Francis (r). (Ceefax) (6727)

8.30 A Question of Sport. David Coleman quizzes learn captains Roger Black and Bill Beaumont and guests footballer John Aldridge, rugby league player Alan Tait, athlete Eamonn Martin and jockey Richard Durwoody. (Ceefax) (s) (8562)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax). Regional news

and weather (4475)

10.00 Rides: For Richer for Poorer. Money worries plague the women

cabbies Staring Jill Baker. (Ceefox) (s) (478807).

10.50 Film '92 with Barry Norman. This week's reviews include Barry Levinson's gangster film, Bugsy, starring newly-weds Warren Beatty and Annette Bening, and the wartime thriller, Staning Through, with Michael Douglas and Melanie Griffith (s) (123123). Northern Ireland: Open House

11.20 Black in Blue. Three years ago, Desmond Wilcox filmed the progress of seven black and Asian recruits to the Metropolitan Police. As a follow-up to that series, he chairs a discussion between Sir Peter Imbert, the Metropolitan Police commissioner, and the recruits who stayed the course and those who quit, on the force's future as a multi-racial organisation. (Ceefax) (367123). Northern Ireland: 11.35 St Patrick's Day Schools Special 12.10am On the Hustings (7619037) 12.40 Weather 12.45 Close. Northern Ireland: 12.20 Film '92 with Barry Norman; 12.50 On the Hustings 2.00 The Way Ahead (r) (6571895). Ends at 2.15

BBC 2

B.00 Breakfast News (9453746)

8.15 Westminster (9443369)
8.30 The Farmer Wants a Wife. Documentary about the search by three rural bachelors for Mrs Right (38272) 9.00 Daytime on Two: Educational programs

 Science and Society: Blogas. How the Dutch generate energy using human and animal waste products (56544659) 2.30 See Hearf With signing and subtitles (r) (272)
3.00 News and weather (3313456) followed by The High Chaperral.
Western adventure series (6162524) (r) 3.50 News and weather,

regional news and weather (4379185)
4.00 Catchword. Paul Coia hosts the word game (s) (524)
4.30 Slow Boat from Surabaya (r). (Ceefax) (4185307)

5.25 The History Man. The Byzantine secrets of a Norman church in Braxted, Essex (r) (6521982)
5.30 Gardeners' World (r) (388)
6.00 Marti Houston (1982). So so pilot for the television series about a

wealthy Texan and part-time private detective. Starring Lee Horsley. Directed by Richard Leng (88562) stion Now: His Wife the Hen. A surreal cartoon from Russia (r) (373185) 7.45 Assignment: Marx, Mohammed and the Mafia. Hugh Prysor-

Jones reports on the ecological and economic troubles facing the newly independent Central Asian states of Uzbekistan and Tadjikistan (281562)

8.30 KYTV: KY Tellython
• CHOICE: The marathon fund-raising spectacular is the first ● CHOICE: The marathon fund-raising spectacular is the first television genre to be percolled in the new series from the KYTV team. Ostensibly a spoof setellite channel, KYTV has become the vehicle for guying television in general and tonight's show has echoes of the BBC's Comic Relief and Children in Need as well as the Telethons staged by ITV. The main comic thrusts are often sharp and funny: the technical breakdowns, the exploitation of the event for free advertising and the general air of no one quits knowing what they are doing. But like the real thing, the KYTV version tends to go on a bit. It is also mildly rude, although greater oftence is tilkely to be given in next week's show which sends up the God slot. The lively cast is Helen Atkinson Wood, Anous the God stot. The lively cast is Helen Atkinson Wood, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton

D Cusantum Leap: Maybe Baby. Time-traveller Sam Beckett becomes a nightclub bouncer in 1963, and helps a stripper to kidnap a baby girl. Starring Scott Bakula and Julie Brown. (Ceefax) (s) (209949)



Stomach stapling: Annette (right) with fellow fattle (9.50pm)

40 Minutes: So Much to Lose.

• CHOICE: Annette Connelly is not just on the plump side but, according to her surgeon, "morbidly obese". Standing a modest 5 foot 5 inches she weighs in at 16 stone and the time has come to try a desperate remedy. This involves, to put in bluntly, reducing the size of her stomach with a staple gun. Viewers unsettled by the graphic details of operations are hereby warned. The stapling has an immediate effect but Annette will have to settle for tiny meals or an inimediate effect by harmete wantard a setup of any measure she might blow the staples apert. Having gained a new confidence and self-respect, Annette proceeds to swap her specs for contact lenses, have a frizzy hair-do and generally to biossom. Not the least fascination of Joanna Clinton Davis's film is charting the effect of Annette's regeneration on her husband, who feels distinctly disconcerted by it. (Ceetax) (209475)

10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (248659)

11.25 The Late Show. The arts and media magazine (s) (934104)

12.05em Weather (277730) 12.10 Open University. Open Forum (83234). Ends at 12.40

8.00 TV-em (3321123)

9.25 Lucky Ladders (9966659) 9.55 Thames News (6821746) 10.00 The Time . . . The Piece . . . Topical debate (6370123) 10.40 This Morning (4132340). Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigs present the daily magazine programme. Including at 10.55 ITN News headlines, and at 11.55 Thames News

12.10 Treasure Box. Children's education programme (9042098) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (7414340) 1.10 Thamer

News (77884543) 1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) (63464659) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama (s) (96697659)

2.20 Hetricom, Simon Bull values clocks and watches (46792475) 2.50 Families. Anglo-Australian drama series (s) (6992699) 3.15 ITN News headlines (3323833) 3.20 Thames News headlines (3320746) 3.25 The Young Doctors (8701096)

3.55 Children's ITV: Thomas the Tank Engine and Priends. Cartoon (4365962) 4.05 Disney's Duck Tales (6311814) 4.30 Tweety Pie. Cartoon (5991456) 4.40 Just Us. Drams series (s) (3420949)

5.10 Blockbusters. Teenage quiz, hosted by Bob Holness (8496388)
5.40 fTN Early Evening News. (Oracle) Weather (981307)
5.55 Thames Hetp (r) (297746) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (727)
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (307) 7.00 Emmerdale. (Oracle) (5475)
7.30 Survival: Life in the Flight Path. Stansted, London's third airport. opened in March 1991. Although there was much debete about its threat to the environment, the sinileld is rich in wildlife and has its own conservation area. Nameted by Rula Leneka. (Cracle). (291)

8.00 The Bill: Coincidence. A small boy alleges that he was attacked

in an adventure playground. (Oracle) (4123)

8.30 Men Behaving Badly: Sex and Violence. The naughty flatmates continue to covet their neighbour, Deborah. (Oracle) (s) (3630)

9.00 Murder Squad: Life Sentence.

 CHOICE: tratead of treating us to a new murder hunt, the real-crime series signs off by returning to two of its previous cases and asks what made the killers do it. Answers are provided by the men themselves, both serving life in Wormwood Scrubs, the cops that put them there, a psychiatrist and a criminologist. There is nothing much wrong with the exercise except the lack of time to do it justice. The motivations of Brett White, who stabbed a man in a disco, and Stephen Chandler, who battered an old men to death in osco, and stephen chander, who battered an old men to death in a council flet, are too complex to be handled in a montage of sound bites. The film does its best to make their crimes explicable, although in no way excusable, but has ultimately to settle for what it can cram into less than half an hour. All the same it has been an eye-opening series (9543)
That's Love, Romantic comedy about a woman tom between her

husband and their marriage counsellor. (Oracle) (63456)
News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (37543) 10.30 Thumes News

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Extraordinary People: Return to the Camps

 CHOICE: Film cameras accompany the surgeon Dr Pauline
Cutting back to Lebenon where she worked heroically in a
Palestine refugee camp during the civil war. Admirably clear on the
political background, but steering clear of political judgements, the
film follows Cutting through the smashed buildings of Beirut and
joyous reunions with old colleagues and patients. Although the war
is over, newsreel footage from 1987 reminds us of the conditions. which Cutting worked. She shows how she positioned her wardrobe so that it, and not her, would soak up any shrapnel. Cutting's credentials as an extraordinary person are self-evident. She is also a very good television performer, confident, articulate and genuine. The Palestinian medical charity was lucky to have her. (Oracle) (276956)



Return to Lebanon: Pauline Cutting and patient (10.40pm)

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (290307) 1.30 Prisoner: Cell block H (2939/)
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1.30 Shady Tales. Shady (Adam Faith) is trailed by the FBI (4510895)
1.40 The Equalizer: Joyride. McCall (Edward Woodward) helps a student involved with the Mob (4415499)
2.30 Donahue. Phil Donahue borrs transvestite shops in New York

4.30 Entertainment UK. A guide to what's on in Britain (26470) 5.30 ITN Morning News (88789). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (3329765)

election issues (532901)

9.25 Schools (54716475) 12.00 Nosh's Ark. A Spanish documentary series about the natural environment of Venezuela (34456)

environment of Venazuela (34456)

12.30 Business Daily. News from the City (74562)

1.00 Sesame Street. Children's early learning series (79017)

1.00 Film: Laughter in Paradise (1951, b/w). Fitfully inspired comedy

about a practical joker who leaves a fortune to four of his relatives,
with the provision that they perform acts which are out-ofcharacter. Starring Alastair Sim, George Cole and Joyce Grenfell.
Directed by Mario Zampi. (Teletext) (242369)

3.45 Third Wave with Mavis Nicholson: Home from Home. The
programme for the over-56s examines how people reconcile their
wanderlust with the need to belong (2516814)

vanderlust with the need to belong (2516814) 4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts the words and numbers

game (s) (104)

5.00 it's a Dog's Life. John Fisher, a pet behaviour consultant, demonstrates how to keep unruly dogs under control (3253)

5.30 D'Art. Dear and hearing-impaired children explore the performing arts, with a demonstration from sign poet Dot Miles, and a signed rap from Ray Harrison. Presented by Sarah Scott and Ray Harrison.

8.00 Treasure Hunt. Annabel Croft takes flight against the clock in a special edition from New Zealand (r) (Teletext) (59253)
7.00 Charmel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext)

Weather (349659) 7.50 Voters. In a launderette in Liverpool, three voters discuss key



Looking for a still life: photographer Don McCullin (8.00pm)

8.00 Don McCullin: Redundant Warrior. The veteran war ographer reflects on his 30-year career, and the importance of the still life and landscape photography on which he now concentrates. (Teletext) (2765) 8.30 Nature Watch: Little Lions of the Rainforest. Julian Petitier reports on attempts to breed the endangered golden fron tamarin

monkey and to re-introduce it to the wilds of Brazil (r). (Teletext) (1272)9.00 Without Walls: For Love or Money. The arts series looks at the market for political memorabilia and the sale of Hans Holbein's

painting, Lady with a Squirrel and a Starling, which is expected to raise \$20 million at auction next month. Tony Blackburn presents a guide to record collecting (3098)

10.00 Film: Evil in Clear River (1988). Well-meaning but tepid drama.

based on fact, about a Canadian housewife's crusade against a racially prejudiced schoolteacher. Starring Bionic Woman Lindsay Wagner and Randy Quald. Directed by Karen Arthur (947389)
11.50 Midnight Special. Vincent Hanna reviews today's news, reports on the latest stones, and debates the key election issues (58833).

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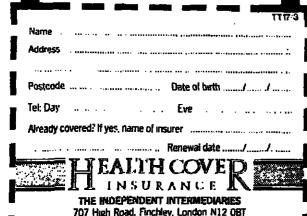
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Bis (982299)
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(Saby Fleid) becomes a tool of government
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SKY MOVIES+ Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase (3941949) 10.00 Across the Great Divide (1977): Two orphans set out across Oregon with a converse to clean their inheritance (12746) 12.00 Mayering (1969): Chart Sheri as the crown prince in a doomed affair with a commoner (Catherine Densuve) (18886630) 2.20pm Invasion Earth: The Allens are Here! (1988): Allens take over a movie

theatre (804807)
4.00 Two Brothers Running (1988); Tom Conti stars as a writer of childrens books Contil stars as a writer of childrens books sesting inspiration (\$1885307) 5.40 Ensertainment Tonight (236339) 5.00 Flussides (1987): A group of beringers help a single-wrecked Flussian spy. Starring Whip Hubley, Leaf Phoenix (44369) 8.00 Teachers (1984). Nick Note stars as a teacher in a run-down high school (49814) 10.00 Artzona Heat (1989): A violent cop is made to work with a lemais partner (742901) 11.35 Die Hand 2 (1980): When terrorists take over an arport Bruce Wills sorts dwings out (55190833)

out (59180863) 2.00em Chains of Gold (1990) A dedicated social worker (John Travolta) infiltrates a Marril cent (59216) Memi gang (50215) 4.00 House Party (652789) Ends 5.40

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12.30pm NBA Action 1992 (4398) 1.00
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SKY SPORTS

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Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young
2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewert 5.05 Chris Stuert 7.00 An Actor's Life for Me (r)
7.30 Philip Bacon's Pans Collection 8.00 Ann Breen. A St Parinck's Day Concert 9.00 The
Uncrowned King, A Tribute to Lord Miles. With Benny Green (r) 10.00 Sounds Latin 19.30 The
Jamesons 12.05em Jazz Persde 12.35 Alex Lester with Night Ride 4.00 Steve Madden: The
Earth Show

RADIO 5

News and aport on the hour until 7.00pm 6.00am World Service: World News 6.09 News about Britan 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 For Schools See For Yoursel 9.15 First Steps in Drarge 9.35 Wordplay 9.45 Singing Togather 10.05 Time to Move 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10, 43 Johnne Weller with The AM Alternative 12.30pm Up and Away. Final programme with Brian Blessed reporting on enterprising former marers (r) 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.30 BFBS Worldwide. Sinten sed the Squad 2.30 World Service Health Matters 2.45 Your World 3.05 Cutflook 3.30 World of Books 4.05 What Do Muslims Believe? 4,35 Five Ascrite 7.15 Desperate to Act 7.25 School Desys Voices 8.00 Popical 9.00 Multitrack 3 9.30 Box 13 10.10 Earshot 11.25 Cricket World Cup England v Zimbalbwe

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RADIO 3 6.55am Weather and News.

Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Bach
(Prefude and Fugue in F, BVW
880: Swatoslav Richter, plano).
Tippett (Fantasia Concertante
on a theme of Corelli on a theme of Corelli

Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner 7.35 Morning Concert (contd)
Weber (Clarinet Concerto No
1. Op 73: Orchestra of the Age of Enightenment under
Anthony Pay, clamet); Spohr
(Nonet, Op 31: Nash
Ensemble)
8.30 Naws

8.35 Composers of the Week. Borodin. Sexiet in D minor (Anensky Ensemble): In the Monastery, Pelite Suite (Margaret Fingerhul, piano): Prologue, Princa Igor (Solia Festival Orchestra, solosts and chorus under Emif Tchakarov): Symphony No 3 in A minor (USSR State SO

under Yevgery Svetlanov)
Morning Sequence. Music :
Paris Concerts up to the
Revolution Corelli (Concerto Grosso, Op 6 No 8 in G minar Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra under Nicholas McGegan): De Lalande (Motet, Consort, Choir and Players under Andrew Parrott), I (Sonata in D. Op 9 No 6 (Monica Huggett, volin, Sarah Cunningham, bass-vol), Clérambaut (Cantat, Orphée, Noemi Rime, soprano, and Les Arts Florissants under William Christie), Gossec (Symphony in E flat. Op 12 No 5:

Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Sigiswald Kuijken): Pergo (Salve Regina: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood, with Emma Kirkby, soprano); Haydn (Symphony No 83 in G minor, La Poule, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Sigiswald Kuriken): Balbastre (Marche des Marseilloises: Nicholas Danby

11.45 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: Jerzy Maksymauk conducts Dvorák (Violin Concerto in A minor). Beet-

1.05 St David's Half Lunchfilme Recital: Jeix (Gillian Tingay, harp, Jeana Ruhemann, flute, Martin Outran, viola) perform William Mathias's Zodiac Trio. Weisim Manues s 200ac no. Op 70; ibert's Deux interfudes (Le Burlador): Stephen Dodgson's Duo for flute and harp, Debussy's Soneta for flute, vote and harp Music Weekly (r)

flute, viola and harp
2.00 Music Weekly (r)
2.45 Leipzig Radio Symphony
Orchestra: Jorg-Peter Weigle
conducts Beathoven
(Symphony No 3 in E flat, Op
55, Eroica); Schnittke
(Passacaglia): Brahms (Double
Concerto in A minor, Op 102)
4.35 Portraits in Brass: First of
three programmes. Wäfred
Heaton (Sinfonia concertante,
first performance: Britannia first performance: Britannia Building Society Band under Howard Snell): George Lloyd (Symphony No 10, November Journeys: BBC Philitermonic

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Brass under the composer)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 News
1.05 Third Ear. Peggy Reynolds
Lalks to Jim Crace, prizewinning author of Arcadis
7.30 BBC Scottlish Symphony
Orchestra. Tippett (Concerto
for diable el long combetina) for double string orchestra); David Matthews (Symptony No 4); Lutostawski (Double Concerto); Sibelius (Symphony

No.3) (r)

Drama How: The Pond

CHOICE We are half way into Thomas Stritmatter's play before the odious rural magistrate (Peter Copley) who knows — but Isn't telling how a gri's body came to be in a pond beside a flitch of bacon, banks "Helt Hitleri". Until this moment, The Pond could have been set in any country, in any era: bucolic passions defy frontiers and centuries. But once we know that this is wartime Germany. that this is wartime Germa the heavy symbols in this visceral play form a pattern, and it is not a pretty one. The translation from the German is by Anthony Vivis

Josquin Missa l'homme armé super voces musicales (Tallis Scholars under Peter Phillips) 11.30 News
11.35 Composers of the Week:
Honegoer (r)
1.00am-2.25 Night School, Except
in Scotland (r)

COMPILED BY GILLIAN MAXEY AND FILIPE FIGUEIRA TV CHOICE PETER WAYMARK/RADIO CHOICE PETER DAVALLE. . .

(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 5.10 Farming Today 6.25 Frayer for the Day 6.30 Today with Brian Rechead and Pater Hobday, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.45 Business News 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parlagment 8.58 Weather

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9.05 Election Cell: A new series in which callers have the chance to question leading politicians during the election campaign. Today cell Tony Blair, shadow employment secretary, on 071-799 5000. Hosted by Jonathan Dimbleby

. Dimbleby 10.00 A Hack Goes West (FM only) Dylan Winter continues his American adventure — 2,000 miles along the Oregon Trail.
This weak he expenences the delights of cooking buffalo dung and listens to a surging

waitress (s) 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 The Bible (LW only) Jeremiah (part 3) 10.30 Woman's Hour, Actress Annette Bening lakes about the ups and downs of starring with new husband Warren

Beatty in the film Bugsy
11.30 Nedicine Now. Geoff Watts
reviews a book on a remarkable project and brushes up his Shakesp at Broadmoor's Secure Psychiatric Hospital
12.00 You and Yours with Debbig

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12.25 Quote. . . Unquote. Nigel Resintroduces the quotation quiz from the Chichester Festival Theatre, with guests Bernard Bresslaw, Patrick Garland, Gemma O'Connor and Sir Peter Ustinov (s)

1.00 The World at One with James Naughtie 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
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Wooden Pear by Gillian
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prison is used to explore the fives of two people. Danny finds himself a free man, his finds himself a free m debt to society paid.

RADIO 4 Madeleine, however, is trapped in the kind of prison

> hard Baker Compares Notes with double bass players Ch-Ch Nwanoku and Rodney Statford(s)
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> 3.00 Tuesday Lives (FM only)
> Joanna Buchan finds extraordinary stones in the

lives of ordinary people (s)
3.00 Prime Minister's Question

from which she can no

(LW only)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope, Gill Pyrah discovers the innermost thoughts of Bertrand Russell, preserved in his letters, author Jim Crace takes a sideways look at city dwellers in his latest novel Arcadia, and Leicester Haymarket Theatre has a UK premiere in its new

Rate at the permission of the season (s)

4.45 Short Story: Absolute Delight. A story by Elspeth Davie, read by David McKall

5.00 PM; 5.55 Shapping Forecast = EE Weather

5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 A Glass of Blessings.
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Elizabeth Proud's adaptation
of the novel by Barbara Pym.
The world of Wilmet Forsyth
Liganna Davdl e challend in (Joanna David) is shattered in the heat of June (r) (s)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.19 File on 4 7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r) 8.00 Science Now with Peter

Evans 8.30 Age to Age (r) 9.00 in Touch, Peler While presents the radio magazine for the blind

9.36 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 Financial World Tonight. Presented by Roger While (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonicht with Alexander MacLeod (s) 10.45 A'Book at Bedtime. The

Brown Wallet, by Slacey Aumonier, John Baddeley reads the first of two parts 11.00 The Radio Programme (s) (r) 11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.43am News, act 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 World Service

(LW only)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kl-tz/285m: 1089kl-tz/275m:FM-97 5-99 8. Radio 2: FM-88-90 2. Radio 3: 1215kl-tz/ 247m: FM-90-92 4. Radio 4: 198kl-tz/1515m:FM-92 4-94 8: Radio 5: 693kl-tz/433m: 909kl-tz/330m. World Service: MW 648kl-tz/469m. Jazz FM 102.2 LBC: 1152kl-tz/261m, FM 97.3 Capital: 1548kl-tz/194m: FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kl-tz/206m: FM 94.9: Melody FM 104.9

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